

SAN DIEGO CITY COLLEGE CLASSIFIED SENATE

Classified Senate Executive Officers

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Susan Chandler,
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Eugene Brown
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Large
John Gradilla
Zdenka Geisberg
Joanne Millum
Lori Oldham

Next meeting date:
Thursday,
June 30
11:00 a.m.
Room D-102

*In Germany, they came first
for the communists, and I
didn't speak up because I
wasn't a communist. Then
they came for the Jews, and I
didn't speak up because I
wasn't a Jew. Then they
came for the trade unionists,
and I didn't speak up because
I wasn't a trade unionist.
Then they came for the
Catholics, but I didn't speak
up because I was Protestant.
Then they came for me, but
by that time no one was left to
speak up.*

Martin Niemoeller

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Meeting Minutes of April 28, 2005

PRESENT: Earline Barrett, Susan Chandler, Susan Gregory, Zdenka Geisberg, Joanne Millum, Gail Rodriguez,
Desiree van Saanen

GUEST: Laura Gonzalez

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Classified Employee Service Awards Reception - is confirmed for Thursday, May 19, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Staff Dining (D-121a/b). A light lunch will be provided. Desiree distributed drafts of the program. It was explained that single-sheet place setting programs will be placed in front of each seat; however, the more formal brochure (folded) programs will be handed out at the door. Chancellor Carroll will be in attendance along with Trustee Bill Schwandt, who will present the *Outstanding Classified Employee of the Year Award*. The President has agreed to pay for half the cost of this event, which is expected to total nearly \$1,000. **Thank you President Burgess!**

Laura Gonzalez (Financial Aid) asked Council to forward recommendation to the Business Services that election ballots for Outstanding Classified Employee be disseminated via email. She indicated that ballots this year were not sent out person to person. Instead, a supply of ballots were distributed to each department. Sometimes the amount of ballots exceeded the number of employees in a given area. She asked if there was any way to prevent employees from casting their ballot more than once, given the fact that ballots are cast anonymously. Earline explained that this system was employed in order to retain employee voting anonymity; however, her concerns will be forwarded to the Business Office for review and consideration.

Graduation Update – Gail Rodriguez provided an update on this year's graduation event. She indicated that this year the Organ Pavilion is undergoing extensive reconditioning and the structure is currently surrounded by scaffolding. There is speculation that the work will still be in progress during the time of graduation (May 27). Dean Chacon and Vice President Brown are currently corresponding with Parks and Recreation personnel to negotiate a solution. Gail noted that she and Dean Chacon have researched other venues including SDSU's gym, the San Diego Convention Center, and Golden Hall; however, no others proved to be feasible. In addition, invitations with the Pavilion location have already been published and sold. Therefore, it was decided that the graduation would be held at the Pavilion with or without scaffolding. She explained that other accommodations will be explored, including building a new stage, turning the benches around to face the Museum of Fine Art (utilizing the raised platform area as a stage), or decorating the scaffolding. It is hoped that by next week, we will know based on responses by the Parks and Recreation Department, which approach we will pursue.

Graduation Readers representing classified staff are needed—two readers to be exact. Desiree will send out a DL soliciting interest. She will direct the names of candidates to Gail for discussion and selection at next week's Graduation Committee. It was decided that the deadline date for submission of letters/notices of interest will be Wednesday, May 4. General volunteers—for program distribution, ushering, and table monitoring—are also needed. Desiree will DL a call to the campus community for help. Volunteers should be directed to June Cressy or Dean Chacon's office.

The Faculty & Staff Softball Event will be held Saturday, May 7, 11:00 am. To 2:00 p.m. in City's softball field. It's going to be FUN. **Be there or be square!!** Contact Kathy McGinnis for more information on this event.

City College Associated Student Government Officers for 2005-06 were announced: ***Congratulations students!***

President – Francisco Fabian
Vice President – Sara Hernandez
Treasurer – Joy Rios
Secretary – Mali Hinesley
Public Events Coordinator – Andrella Moody
Public Relations Officer – Kate Wilson
Webmaster – Chris Carter

Gail further reported that this year's voter turnout was exceptionally significant. She attributed increased interest to this year's voting incentives and spirited campaigns.

II. REPORT FROM TREASURER

Susan Chandler, Treasurer, reported that checkbooks for the Classified Senate should be arriving any day. She will check with Carl Pace to see if we received anything in the mail to date. The Senate currently has about \$940 in our account. NOTE: Roughly \$500 will be allocated to funding of the Classified Employees Service Awards program.

III. COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

IV. FUNDRAISING AND SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Senate members shared ideas for fundraising this summer. Strategies included a rummage sale, a hotdog sale, and another 50/50 Raffle.

Desiree is continuing efforts on coordinating an inservice event this summer. She explained the inservices will include the participation of department heads and will serve to provide classified staff with timely information and updates regarding student services policies, procedures, and legislative mandates. It is anticipated that inservice sessions will facilitate continuity between departments. It is likely that these events will occur twice annually. Desiree distributed a draft memo for review by Senate. The memo, which will be distributed to key department heads, asks them to provide possible inservice dates/times and to identify key areas/issues for discussion.