



**Classified Senate Meeting
September 2, 2021
2:15pm - 3:30pm
Zoom Meeting Minutes**

Board Members: Jeremy Evangelista-Ramos, Belinda Chan, Kenya Ruiz, Golda Margate, Sherrie Prasad, Martin Marquez

Attendance: Angelica Mendoza, Barbara Lamson, Bryan Swartout, Chris Weidman, Chris Woo, Clair Yeo-Sugajski, Connor Fitzpatrick, Lori Lisowski, Marissa Thigpen, Vivian Paw, Linda Liu, Nancy Lam, Monique Hernandez, Angelica Gorostiza, Sandra Hatzistratis

Part 1: Senate Business (2:15pm – 3:00pm)

Guest Speakers: Q&A with President Melissa Moreno, Vice President Newin Orante, Interim Vice President Danni Redding Lapuz

- People's College Initiative: *"How Can Caring Campus Support The People's College Initiative"*
 - Helping students feel safe, civically engaged, include caring part of our students
 - Nametag on campus
 - We are here to help students
 - Wearing your badge also let's students know what you look like without your mask

- Admissions and Records: Students facing challenges with application inquiries, registration issues, and email responses
 - A&R is a very busy area – takes time to get to email and phone messages
 - Wanting to improve our support in student services
 - *How is A&R moving forward?*
 - A&R: the work has become more complex with initiatives coming from state
 - Looking for ways to grow, bringing people to come in, low staff, dealing with health conditions in the area.
 - Two new hires and currently filling in another vacant position
 - Cross training across student services
 - Prioritize and work with district to bring in technology

- Tech would help with responding much more effectively and efficiently
 - Veteran certifications being processed (new mandates, for example – need to be certified twice)
 - Bring technology to A&R to support classified staff and assisting students get in
- The impact of Student ‘Bots’:
 - *‘Has leadership been speaking about improving and avoiding this issue?’*
 - The whole idea of ‘fake students’ is not new. Well known and long issue in California Community Colleges
 - Often seen in Financial Aid (where students never enroll)
 - Statewide: there is an issue and connection with Financial Aid (in particular)
 - There’s about 600 ‘fake’ applicants statewide
 - Information about potential bot applicants:
 - Continuing to look into it. Has not been brought to attention that there is a lot of applicants at Skyline
 - Monthly report out to the state regarding bot applicants
 - Students who have not checked into canvas – approach from faculty
 - VPIs will come up with a message for students who have not engaged
 - Student and SEP appointments for further verification
 - More access to be talked about for Spring 2022 (more appointments and accessibility)
- *When will the Shuttle be offered again? Will it come sometime in Spring 2022?*
 - Students have expressed difficulties / challenges with transportation
 - Reactivated contract for the year
 - Not during Fall due to enrollment, Contract in place for Spring 2022
 - Plans to go forward with Spring, how we’re building Spring 2022, a lot more students will be coming back
 - Full blown Spring Return
 - Shuttle Schedule
 - Students having trouble to pay for Sam Trans
 - *Is there something we can do (basic needs funds)? Who should students be referred to?*
 - Chancellor Claire working on Transportation security
 - Shuttle has been becoming a concern and how to build it in the basic needs approach

- Funds have not been passed down by the state.
How can we get the funds in the hands of students?
- Transportation came up for Guardian Scholars Program as well.
 - We want to conceptualize what students need, and not our basic understanding of 'needs' being related to food
 - Transportation has been becoming a huge need for students

Part 2: Conversation with Classified Senate (20 mins)

- **Classified Board went over 'Conversation with Classified Senate' Jamboard**
 - Originally filled out with feedback during Classified Professionals Retreat
 - A new Jamboard was created for towards the end of meeting for additional feedback to be included if members did not attend retreat
 - It was recommended that there is a yearlong Jamboard for classified members to voice concerns, suggestions and dialogue topics.
 - Having Jamboard for when Guests Speakers join our meetings
 - Asking through Jamboard rather than the zoom chat/raising hands