

**Classified Senate Meeting Minutes**  
**February 21, 2008**

President-elect Al Guevara presided in the absence of Olivia Patlan.

**Present:** Cheney, Englen, Guevara, Joseph, Leever, McCortney, Okabe-Kubo, Paccioretti, Rueda, Sack, Sainten, Vandiver, Yumori-Kaku

**Others in attendance:** Carmen Pereida, May Zhu (DASB)

**1. Approval of Agenda:** approved with the addition of “Burning Issues” along with item #8 Announcements.

**2. Approval of 12/6 and 2/7 Minutes:** approved with one correction on 2/7 minutes – date at the top changed from 1/17 to 2/7.

**3. Report by Classified Retreat Co-chairs:** Melodie Cheney and Carmen Pereida reported on a meeting attended at Foothill to discuss the possibility of having a joint retreat this year. One fact brought back from the meeting was that both Foothill and Central Services have much larger retreat budgets than De Anza does. Melodie said the campus culture is different at Foothill, retreat expectations are different, and she herself felt uncomfortable at the meeting because of the differences and disparities between the two campuses. In addition, FH and Central Services wanted DA to change our retreat date from the CS agreed-upon date of May 16 to another date in late April or May.

After CS discussed the pros and cons of holding a joint retreat this year, an informal vote was taken on the two options that came out of the discussion: have a joint retreat with FH and Central Services if it can be held on May 16; have our co-chairs develop a quality retreat for our campus only. A sub-option of option 2 was also discussed: have on-campus/off-campus retreats alternating years. CS members voted to have a DA-only retreat this year.

**4. Upcoming Events:** Al went over several events that will be occurring in the next few months: Classified Leadership Workshop on March 7; senate elections on April 23; all-Classified retreat on May 16; Classified senate leadership retreat on June 13 for all incoming and outgoing senators and officers. Mary Kay said she is working on bringing back the pancake breakfast that used to take place during Classified School Employees Week in April.

**5. Election Chair:** Gail still needs help for the classified senate elections in April. Mary Kay and Ann are working on pulling together a list of which sections need to be on the ballot this year.

**6. Deleted.**

**7. Deleted.**

**8. Announcements/Burning Issues:** Silvia Bichler’s response to a classified senate memo in which volunteer opportunities for various upcoming activities were announced was discussed and will be forwarded to Javier Rueda.

Mary Kay said that layoff rumors have started and it is upsetting to think the rumors might be designed to push classifieds to settle for a lesser COLA.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Submitted by Ann Leever, CS secretary