

GROSSMONT COLLEGE

Classified Senate

April 16, 2024

1:30 pm-3:00 pm

The Living Room, Library 70-162

Zoom

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83987974434>

Minutes

VISION: Provide classified staff a voice to participate in the initiation, development, and evaluation of all District policies and procedures that support educational programs and services for students at Grossmont College.

MISSION: Grossmont Classified Senate promotes the valuable contributions made by classified professionals in creating an environment that will lead to the greatest level of student success. The Senate encourages the exchange of ideas, understanding and cooperation between classified staff, faculty, administrators and students, in the best interest of enriching the educational environment.

2023-2025 Classified Senate e-Board

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michele Martens-President
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bernadette Black-Vice President
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Janice Fischer-Secretary
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diana Barajas – Treasurer
<input type="checkbox"/> Michele Martens-Past President

2022-2024 Classified Senate

SENATORS	SENATORS	SENATORS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Theresa Apodaca	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debora Curry	<input type="checkbox"/> Bryan Lam
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Melissa Benton	<input type="checkbox"/> Chad Deitchman	<input type="checkbox"/> Jayden Logan
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Juliana Bertin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debora Hanssen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maryam Rastvan
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lisa Brlas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andrew Hellier	<input type="checkbox"/> Janet Shipstead Excused
<input type="checkbox"/> Graylin Clavell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dawn Heuft	<input type="checkbox"/> Rochelle Weiser
<input type="checkbox"/> Ryan Cline		
Guests	Guests	Guests
Ernesto Rivera	Roma Sitta	Aime Salazar
Brittney Tonne	Cindy Hall	Kristin Steva Campbell
Christopher Yerkes	Adela Powers	Stefanie Beason
Cindy Emerson	Patricia Hiebert	

Routine Business

1. Welcome	Michele Martens
2. Presentation on new campus calendar features	Ernesto Rivera - former CSEA employee at Southwestern College and Director of College and Community Relations at Grossmont College, introduced a new user-friendly campus calendar developed in collaboration with Deanna Thomson to better promote engagement and communication. He emphasized the need for complete event information submissions to allow for proper planning and approval, and suggested a process for event series and open hours. Ernesto also discussed the transition from the old 'Griffin Weekly' to the new calendar as a centralized system for information dissemination and encouraged staff to submit event details to the calendar for visibility. He acknowledged the contribution of student efforts to the college's social media success.
3. Ice Breaker	Diana Torres led the ice breaker, where participants engaged in an icebreaker activity, answering questions about what they would be as animals and how they would spend a million dollars.
4. Public Comments	Michele Martens- Cindy Hall announced the Math Jam event and the new facilities in the 36 building.
5. Approval of 3/1/2024 Meeting Minutes	Michele Martens - the minutes were approved for March 19th
6. PG Committees:	Budget-Melissa/ Juliana/ Dawn (meeting canceled), there is the new Vice President of Administrative Services and she will be the co-chair of the Budget Committee. Facilities-Deb expressed her concerns over the low number of custodians (20 of 40 positions) and the resulting poor cleanliness levels at the college (Level 4-moderate dinginess, APPA custodial standards). A plan is being considered to reassign custodians, one per building depending on the sq/ft. (We have 40,000 sq/ft on this campus) to improve the level of cleanliness. Classified Senate also recognized the need for better communication and support for the custodial staff, and the potential impact on the student experience. Debora also discussed several proposed projects, including mental health space improvements and biology room modifications. Michele will follow up with the governing board regarding the custodial issues at Grossmont College and propose a public comment at the Governing Board meeting to address the issue. SSE-Andrew discussed the efforts of the student success and equity team, particularly highlighting the work of the student success liaisons. The team is providing support to students on academic probation, and they are also focusing on addressing equity gaps in success among male students of color.

New Business

7. Senator Nominations for the 2024-26 Term	Michele Martens provided updates on senator nominations .64 people were invited to become senators, 24 have responded.
8. Book Club	Lisa Brlas and Debora Curry there will be formation of multiple Book Clubs based on preferred genres. Each group will decide on Days/times and frequency of meetings. Deborah will work with the classified Senate to finalize the book club groups and announce the book selections for the fall.
9. Special Called meeting April 19, 2024 1:3-3:00 Personnel Commission presentation	Michele Martens a special Senate meeting was announced featuring presentations on the functions and benefits of the newly formed Personnel Commission.
For Discussion	
10. Classified After Hours Event: Pizza and a Movie report Out	Several people had never see Princess Bride and enjoyed it thoroughly. We had a district employee join in the fun as well as a retiree. Start thinking of ideas for the next soiree.
11. President's Report	Michele Martens -
For Information	
12. Student Pop Up's - Report Out	Attendees - Michelle shared pictures from the events. , reflected on their successes and areas for improvement, particularly regarding language barriers, , highlighted the importance of accommodating students' cultural and dietary needs. Lastly, they discussed the accommodations made for Muslim students who chose not to participate in certain activities due to their religious beliefs.
13. NEW CS Meeting Dates	1 st and 3 rd Tuesday from 1:30-3:00

Next Classified Senate Meeting: May 7th, 2024
[Visit the Classified Senate Website Here](#)
1st CLI group meeting 4/19/2024 11am in the Living room
[Classified Senate Happy Padlet](#)
 CLASSIFIED PROFESSIONAL BOOK CLUB
 Email lisa.brlas@gcccd.edu. if you're interested in participating.