

# GROSSMONT COLLEGE

**Classified Senate  
September 6, 2024  
1:30 pm-3:00 pm  
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

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

### 2024-2026 Classified Senate

| SENATORS   | SENATORS  | SENATORS                                      |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Theresa Apodaca  | <input type="checkbox"/> Cindy Hall                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Adela Powers         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Melissa Benton              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debora Hanssen  | <input type="checkbox"/> Maryam Rastvan       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Juliana Bertin   | <input type="checkbox"/> Andrew Hellier-<br>Excused | <input type="checkbox"/> Janet Shipstead      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lisa Brlas                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Dawn Heuft                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Roma Sitta - Excused |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kristin Campbell | <input type="checkbox"/> Patty Hiebert              | <input type="checkbox"/> Brandi Tonne         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ryan Cline                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Bryan Lam                  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Debora Curry - Excused      | <input type="checkbox"/> Christina Mora             |   |
| <b>Guests</b>  | <b>Guests</b>                                       | <b>Guests</b>                                 |
| Cindy Emerson  | Guadalupe Padilla                                   | Anthony Cutietta                              |
| Graylin Clavelle                                     |   |   |
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| <b>Routine Business</b>   |   |
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| 1. Welcome  | Michele Martens   |
| 2. Additions/Deletions to Agenda  | Swearing in, Men of Color, items 6, 7 & 8   |
| 3. Public Comments  | Michele Martens   |
| 4. Approval of 5/21/24 Meeting Minutes<br>6/18/24 Meeting Minutes<br>7/30/24 Meeting Minutes  | Approved<br>Approved<br>Approved  |
| 5. PG Committees:   | College Council: Michele Martens Reviewed-meeting norms, calendar, presentations for the term. Joan A. was there to talk about Accreditation. This work needs to happen every day, not just every 7 years. Governance committees have areas of responsibilities to address. Governance committee recommendations from Joan: ensure that there is a variety of co-chairs (not all be classified or faculty at the same time) at any given time. Suggested that we align our decision making process with the district process. |
| <b>New Business</b>   |   |
| 6. Newest Senator Swearing In   | Adela Powers to be sworn in. Postponed  |
| 7. SS&E Men of Color Focus Group Updates  | Andrew Hellier Postponed  |
| 8. HRAC and VEBA Updates  | Cindy Hall Postponed  |
| <b>For Discussion</b>   |   |
| 9. Walk-A-bouts are returning   | Lisa Brlas No report, please see emails that have gone out. Try to attend when you can. We can still use more leaders.  |
| 10. Book Club returning - "Conflict without Casualties"   | Lisa Brlas / Debora Curry- The group had their first meeting. Debora is leading this group. She did a fantastic job. Book topic was described. An additional group may be formed on a lighter subject matter.   |
| 11. Topics for Meetings with President Whisenhunt   | Feel free to email Michele any topics you would like brought forward.   |
| 12. Topics for Meetings with the Chancellor   | District Governance Summit (8/30) review  |
| 13. Student Appreciation Pop Ups:<br>Wed. October 9th 9:00am-12:00pm<br>Thurs., October 10th 11:00 am - 2:pm<br>(National Coming Out Day) | Michele's favorite subject. We will need volunteers for Setup, event, and clean up. A sign up sheet will go out. Event was explained to new attendees. Games, food, prizes for students to have some fun around Mid-terms. We have applied for a \$1500 grant from the foundation. fingers crossed that we will be approved.<br>AAPI, Sogi, Disability awareness month  |
| 14. President's Report  | Michele Martens - Evening convocation 8/29, several leaders presented for Graveyard shift. President Whisenhunt and VPAS Stopper attended and presented. C.S. had a raffle as well for them. Spirit Week - Bernadette, October; at the October 4th meeting we will be having a spirit contest with the E-Board judging the competition. Michele asked the   |

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|  | <p>group what other things we can do to participate. Maybe the G-Hous Pep rally.</p> <p>Meeting with the Chancellor - Chancellor invited CSEA and campus presidents to the meeting. Michele had to ask for the topic of this meeting - response Classified roll in participatory governance. VC Beam also attended the meeting which was not on the topic provided. The chancellor brought up our request for 9+1 (A.C. &amp; ASGC have a 9+1/10+1 in AB2510), Michele stated that they are not prepared to talk on this subject, Chancellor persisted and also brought up Release Time, again not prepared to discuss this topic either. The Chancellor and VC persisted. Nothing was settled at this meeting. Cindy E. shared that these meetings are Classified Presidents meetings, don't we have a say in who participates? Take notes and stand your ground. Governance Summit: Filling seats is a major issue from many directions. Who is reorganizing the committees? Those in power.</p> |
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**For Information**

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| <p>15. PD opportunities:</p>  | <p><b>So You Want to Be an Administrator (Virtual Program)</b></p> <p>a. October 30 &amp; 31, 2024   8:00am - 3:00pm</p> <p>b. FLYER -- <a href="#">So You Want to Be an Administrator Webinar Info</a></p> |
| <p><b>Save the Date for</b><br/> Classified Senate Retreat October 30<br/> 1:30 - 4pm<br/> Thank you Grams: November 2024</p> |   |

**Next Classified Senate Meeting: September 20th, 2024**  
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