



# Classified Senate Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2022 | 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | Zoom Meeting

Classified Senate Attendance			
Vanessa Ayala	Absent	Connie Oh	Present
Karen Bowen	Absent	Katie Olivier	Present
Kris Cutting	Present	Andrea Rangno	Present
Heather Dominguez	Present	Teresa Rodriguez	Present
Kayla LaBounty	Absent	Eva Shaffer	Present
Jasmine Nguyen	Present	Cecilia Schreyer	Present
John Paul Nguyen	Present	Leo Stiles	Present
		Jillian Whistler	Absent

## Guests

Carlos Amescua, Michelle Auduong, Angelina Barger, Jessica Bravo, Scott Broberg, Alex Buus, Gladys Calderon, Cristina Crouth, Denise D’Amore, Theresa de Los Santos, Jeff Delaney, Hung Dinh, John Fawcett, Mary Gallois, Zach Gonzales, Lucy Grams, Martha Guevara, Mireille Halley, Sue Harlan, Vickie Hay, Thao Ho, Tiffany Huynh, Sheila Kilayko Cruz, Rene Kinn, Lynn Krieger, Karen Latham, Belta Moon, Martha Munoz-Sanchez, Maria Newman, Thu Nguyen, Thuy Nguyen, Mindy Nguyen, Kayden Nguyen, Virginia Nuzzolese-Laflamme, Shannon O’Neil, Stephanie Phonsiri, E. Quiroz, Ivannia Ramirez, Jennifer Rivera, Tina Rodgers, Beatriz Rodriguez Vaca, Veronica Sanchez, Mette Segerblom, Daisy Segovia, Angelica Suarez, Rini Sukaesih, P. Anthony Tellez, Emylie Tran, Ilona Vahorovich, Tere Vazquez, Phukhanh Vu, Misha Wang, Jenny Williams, Eric Wilson, Alexia Wood, Julie Yan, and Shannon.

**Recorder of Minutes:** Beatriz Rodriguez-Vaca

### 1. Call to Order - Classified Senate President:

President Jasmine Nguyen called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

### 2. Approval of the Minutes - Classified Senate Body:

**Motion 1: Senator Kris Cutting moved to** approve the April 27, 2022 meeting minutes; motion seconded; motion approved unanimously.

### 3. Officer, Senator, and Committee Reports:

**President’s Report** – Jasmine Nguyen:

1. COVID-19

1. There is a surge in COVID cases right now but looking at the trends. It is not similar to the previous surges. Smaller and slower upticks, compared to previous surges.
  2. Please continue to wear mask indoors. June 1st is the transition date. Wearing a mask is strongly recommended.
  3. Advocated for signage for employee masking preferences.
  4. Around this time last year, we had a similar increase in COVID cases. We are following the same pattern. The only difference is that the longer we go through this, the less severe that the impact is. The severity of cases is not as bad and the number of deaths is not going up like we did before. The trend is that it is not as severe in people's health as it was in previous years.
  5. There will not be enforcement of people wearing masks.
  6. Both the vaccine mandate and mask mandate will end on June 1.
  7. Senator Kris Cutting stated that the CARES funding was paying for testing and vaccines that insurances may not have covered. That funding stopped in March. It is about 10,000 a month and it is coming out of the District's budget. It has been paused, but at any time it could be reactive, as needed.
2. Chancellor Farewell and Thank you
    1. Friday, May 27, 2022 at 9:30 AM in the Student Union –Jasmine Nguyen will say a few words during this event.
    2. Chancellor Weispfenning is retiring. There is currently a search to find the next Chancellor.
    3. He has been a great supporter for Classified during his tenure as Chancellor. We have had our differences and moments of challenge, but it brought Classified Senate to a new light of recognition and appreciation.
    4. He is one of the best Chancellors that the District has had.
3. Hiring Freeze Continuation
    1. At the last College Council, Dr. Pagel mentioned that the hiring freeze will likely continue.
    2. Advocated for re-fillment of key roles. Employee burnout is very quickly demising our constituency and we need to push for actionable steps to diminishing the future of OCC.
    3. There were some questions on the differences between professional experts and classified professionals.
    4. We are continuing with the 4 days/week plan.
    5. There was a question if IE or HR is tracking the amount of staff turnover that we are experiencing as a result of burnout. Daisy Segovia said that is an HR question, as the IE does not track employee information.
    6. OCC Canvas will meet with IT support to find a better way of supporting students, as it is difficult to refer students to where they need to be referred to. The best way to refer students is through the Answer Center.
    7. Student survey results reflect that working remotely has created a new community. There are good benefits of keeping this on a hybrid mode. We should continue to apply what we learned through the working from home season.
    8. There are new CCCD Zoom tools that were just released last month that can make the system very interactive. There is now a whiteboard. The system also provides captions which is extremely useful for participants with disabilities. The hope is that Zoom will not go away.
    9. The future of education is most likely going to be distance learning. It is important to value online tools like Zoom.
    10. Most OCC facilities are not well equipped for hybrid meetings.

#### **4. Unfinished Business:**

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##### **1. Election:**

- President Election:
  - After the 3rd round of nomination, we have zero candidates who have accepted their nomination.
  - The senate chose not to do a floor nomination.

- Scott Broberg nominated Sue Harlan. Sue Harlan stated that she would do a co-presidency with someone. Her only challenge is that they just lost a member in her team and she needs to cover for that position, as well.
- Andrea Rangno nominated Heather Dominguez. Heather Dominguez stated that she has multiple projects going on top of her job. She believes that whoever takes the president position needs to dedicate love, time and effort to it and she does not feel like she is able to offer that at the moment.
- Sue Harlan and Heather Dominguez will connect with each other and think about it for a week.
- Senator Elections
  - Terming Out Senators and eligible for re-election
    - Karen Bowen
    - Heather Dominguez
    - Kayla LaBounty
    - Katie Olivier
    - Teresa Rodriguez
    - Eva Shafer
    - Jillian Whistler
    - Jasmine Nguyen
    - Vanessa Ayala
    - Andrea Rangno
  - Senators departing
    - Connie Oh

We will be refilling all of the roles listed above. Hopefully we will have a new slate of senators for the start of the next semester. All senators are eligible for re-election.

## 5. New Business:

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1. **President Suarez Message:** Expressed her appreciation for Classified Appreciation Week. There is a lot in Classified Professionals hands and that hard work does not go unnoticed. The work that Classified Professionals do matters. Tomorrow, Thursday there will be a luncheon at the Student Union to honor Classified Professionals. She thanked them for keeping things going throughout the pandemic.
2. **Hazardous Material Task Force – This item will be postponed.**

## 6. Open Forum:

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- Connie Oh said that it was honor being part of Classified Senate. She learned a lot and appreciates everyone, especially President Jasmine Nguyen.

**Motion 2: Senator Eva Shaffer moved to** adjourn the meeting; motion seconded; motion approved unanimously.

### 3. Adjournment of the Regular Meeting:

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Meeting was adjourned at 12: 09 p.m.