

Mesa Classified Senate Minutes  
November 21, 2008  
Room H 117

Meeting called to order 9:31am in H117

**Members in attendance:** Robert Booth, Lynnda Echevarria, Chris Horvath, Robin Martindill, Michael McLaren, Danielle Short, Arlis Svedberg  
Members excused: Cathy Bruce, Brandon Terrell, Joyce Skaryak

**The Approval of minutes:** Approval of last meetings minutes with corrections. Michael McLaren motions, Chris Horvath second; approval passed unanimously.

**Treasurers report:** Little Change from October: Scholarship Savings \$412.74, Koins for Kids \$4215.67 and Checking \$534.02. Chris Horvath motions, Danielle Short second; approval passed unanimously.

**President Report:**

- DGC
  - SDCCD budget: Robin reported on midyear cuts and the Legislative Analyst's Office District will need to develop a plan to meet reduction goals after recognizing key parameters (avoid layoffs, avoid roll backs of salary and benefit and maintain a basic schedule of core classes) the district will suggest reducing NANCe expenses, reducing non-contractual reassigned time, reducing areas supported by discretionary funds (tutoring could fall in this area).
  - Office Size Standards: Robin reported on the Office Size Standards proposed by District with regard to new buildings and how large the office space should be. There was discussion and many felt the space was too small to conduct normal business.
- President's Cabinet
  - Student Letter Writing Campaign was discussed. Students are currently writing letters to the governor with regard to the state budget situation.

**Officer Reports:**

- Michael McLaren felt the senate should have a more assertive approach to membership dues collection. There was discussion and consensus with regard to a flyer/email and office visits by request.
- Robin reported for Joyce Skaryak: Foundation will have a retreat on 12/13 to discuss long term goals and fundraising. Staff development subcommittee received \$15000 for another conference in the spring.

**Committee Reports:**

- Arlis reported from Academic Affairs: Textbook Affordability Task Force has had much discussion. Accreditation needs more people.

**New Business:**

- Center for Children needs \$3000 for outdoor lighting. Chris Horvath motions, Robert Booth second; approval passed unanimously.
- Chancellor Classified Staff recognition: There is a new award from the STATE chancellor with regard to classified staff recognition. The Mesa Classified Senate will work together with the campus and district to establish selection criteria
- Holiday Buffet will occur on December 12, 2008
- Fundraising:
  - United Way: Mesa Classified Senate will work with President Cepeda with regard to United Way efforts.
  - Change for Children containers: Jars by registers is no longer allowed. Containers are available at Office Max that are acrylic, have a key and are clear. Cost would be \$48.12 each. Arlis motions the Mesa Classified Senate attempt to solicit donations of the containers. If purchase is necessary the senate will purchase 6 containers out of general checking. 20% of the proceeds collected will be returned to the Checking account until the cost of containers is reimbursed. The rest will be put into the Change for Children account. Danielle Short second; approval passed unanimously.
  - There was discussion regarding a 50/50 opportunity drawing. This fundraiser will begin after the Thanksgiving break and the winner will be
    - announced at the Holiday Buffet
- Committees:
  - Textbook Affordability Task Force: Carol Rohe will serve as Mesa's Classified Senate Representative.

**Old Business**

- Tahoe Conference: Lynnda Echevarria and Danielle Short expressed interest in attending the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Classified Leadership Institute being held in Granlibakken Conference Center in Tahoe City, CA from June 4 to the 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009.
- Animeals: Bins are located at the LRC Atrium and the Cafeteria behind Kathie Day's register.
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**Next Meeting dates:** Will be held in H117 12/5/2008 at 9:30am.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25am.

Submitted Robin Martindill, Classified Senate President