

**GROSSMONT COLLEGE**  
**Classified Senate**  
**October 4, 2024**  
**1:30 pm-3:00 pm**  
**The ASGC Boardroom, 60-207**  
**Zoom**  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83987974434>  
**Agenda**

**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**

<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**

<b>SENATORS</b>	<b>SENATORS</b>	<b>SENATORS</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Theresa Apodaca	<input type="checkbox"/> Cindy Hall	<input type="checkbox"/> Adela Powers
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Melissa Benton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debora Hanssen	<input type="checkbox"/> Maryam Rastvan
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Juliana Bertin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andrew Hellier	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Janet Shipstead
<input type="checkbox"/> Lisa Brlas	<input type="checkbox"/> Dawn Heuft	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roma Sitta
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kristin Campbell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patty Hiebert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brandi Tonne
<input type="checkbox"/> Ryan Cline	<input type="checkbox"/> Bryan Lam	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debora Curry	<input type="checkbox"/> Christina Mora	
<b>Guests</b>	<b>Guests</b>	<b>Guests</b>
Pat Palma	Daryl Johnson	Connie Rodriguez
Cindy Emerson		

<b>Routine Business</b>	
1. Welcome	Michele Martens
2. Additions/Deletions to Agenda	Michele Martens - None
3. Public Comments	Michele Martens - None

4. Approval of 9/6/2024 Minutes	Michele Martens - Approved
5. PG Committees:	<p>College Council - Andrew - discussed the governance committee's transition to a tri-chair format for inclusivity. The committee will review accreditation standard one. Four strategic hires were approved</p> <p>Technology - Janet - Norms and procedures were reviewed. She highlighted the importance of the fiscal year action plan and the need for a self-evaluation report. A committee will review the printing program before its contract ends in 2025.</p> <p>PIEC - <b>Juliana</b> - shared her experience leading a meeting and concerns about underrepresentation of classified staff in the Senate. Michele suggested encouraging their involvement. Cindy Emerson gave a shout out to Juliana for her skill at leading the meeting.</p> <p>PD - Pat - reported on the Professional Development Committee's activities and the need for a PD Coordinator.</p> <p>Staffing - <b>No Report</b></p>
<b>New Business</b>	
6. Public Safety Information	<p>Daryl Johnson -, the emergency preparedness person for the district, announced his resignation to pursue a new career. She expressed concern about the future of her position due to the district's perceived lack of support and understanding of its importance. Daryl emphasized the need for the department to communicate its work and projects to a wider audience and urged her colleagues to help continue the conversation about emergency preparedness. She highlighted the urgency of safety in the current climate and environment, using the example of a large project involving automated external defibrillators (AEDs). Daryl also discussed the district's current status regarding AEDs and first aid kits, and outlined plans to double their current AEDs and install new ones in buildings without them, along with emergency supply kits for choking, first aid, severe bleeding, and opioid use. She clarified that her department handles major emergencies such as earthquakes, fires, and building emergencies, but not criminal matters. Daryl discussed challenges in maintaining emergency preparedness programs and the need for additional support. Debora and Michele raised concerns about training for medical equipment maintenance and using incident reports to highlight resource needs. Daryl expressed frustration with increasing workload and lack of district communication. She mentioned plans to update the emergency website and speak at an upcoming board meeting. Bernadette</p>

	confirmed procedures for distributing safety information campuswide. Michele thanked Daryl for her input and the conversation.
7. <b>Swearing In New Senators:</b> Adela Powers - Out Sick Brandi Tonne Debora Curry Patty Hiebert	Michele led the swearing-in ceremony for three senators, with two present and one participating remotely.
8. Open Participatory Governance Committee Seats	<a href="#">Fall 2024 PG Committee Assignments</a>
9. Student Appreciation Popups are Next Week!  <b>Wed. October 9th 9:00am-12:00pm</b>  <b>Thurs., October 10th 11:00 am - 2:00 pm</b> (National Coming Out Day, API, Latinx)	If you can help with these amazing events, please sign up now!  <a href="#">Student Appreciation Sign-up</a>
<b>For Discussion</b>	
10. eBoard Elections for 2025-2027 Term	Please nominate your Classified Professional peers to serve next term!  <a href="#">Senate Executive Board Nomination Form</a>
11. Topics for Meetings with President Whisenhunt	Send your suggested topics to Michele
12. Topics for Meetings with the Chancellor	Send your suggested topics to Michele
13. President's Report	Michele Martens - discussed the progress of participatory governance, the need for volunteers for student appreciation pop-ups, and the upcoming E-board nominations. Michele also mentioned the upcoming Health Fair at Cuyamaca, encouraging all staff to attend. She expressed concern over the lack of transparency and input from non-district people in the reorganization of district governance and highlighted the need for equal representation in committees. Michele also shared her positive experience at a recent conference on DEIA, where the importance of classified involvement was emphasized.
<b>For Information</b>	
14. Walk-A-bouts	Contact Pat Palma for info ( <a href="mailto:pat.palma@gcccd.edu">pat.palma@gcccd.edu</a> & <a href="mailto:palma_pat@yahoo.com">palma_pat@yahoo.com</a> )
<b>Save the Date for:</b> <b>Classified Senate Retreat</b> October 30 <b>12:30 - 3:00 pm*</b>	<b>*Please note the time change to accommodate lunch.</b>

**Next Classified Senate Meeting: October 18, 2024**

**Location: Bldg 70 - LIL (second floor)**

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