

GROSSMONT COLLEGE
Classified Senate
Mintes
November 1, 2024
1:30 pm-3:00 pm
ASGC Boardroom 60-207 or Zoom
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83987974434>

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

2024-2026 Classified Senate

SENATORS	SENATORS	SENATORS
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andrew Hellier	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Janet Shipstead
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lisa Brlas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dawn Heuft	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roma Sitta
<input type="checkbox"/> Kristin Campbell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patty Hiebert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brandi Tonne
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ryan Cline	<input type="checkbox"/> Bryan Lam	
<input type="checkbox"/> Debora Curry	<input type="checkbox"/> Christina Mora	
Guests	Guests	Guests
Lorena Montero-Abrams	Kelly Jackson	Candy McLaughlin
Stephaine Beason	Pat Palma	

Quorum: Simple majority of the voting members present (11).

Routine Business	
1. Welcome	Michele Martens
2. Additions/Deletions to Agenda	Janice Fischer - None
3. Public Comments	Janice Fischer - HR tried to get the VEBA Health Fair at both campuses with no luck. The event will alternate campuses.
4. Approval of 10/18/2024 Minutes	Janice Fischer - The minutes were approved.
5. PG Committee Reports	<p>College Council - Andrew reported that the Council reviewed the accreditation standard one and provided feedback. They also discussed the tri-chair format for governance committees, with concerns raised about the pressure it might put on classified staff. The Council approved a recommendation from the Facilities Committee to allow a student art project on campus. They also discussed strategic hires and the faculty staffing prioritization rubric, which led to a vigorous discussion among faculty members. Michele added that the faculty expressed dissatisfaction with the lack of a faculty staffing plan.</p> <p>Technology - Janet The team also discussed the upcoming upgrade, with the Vice Chancellor of Technology assuring that it would take 2 to 3 days. The Student Printing Service contract may be changed as there are issues with the current provider.</p> <p>PIEC - Juliana mentioned that they reviewed standard one and prepared notes for standard two. They also had students present for the first time, who were engaged and asked questions.</p> <p>PD - Theresa, Pat - No meeting in October.</p> <p>Staffing - Lisa - No Report</p>
New Business	
6. Participatory Governance Opening on College Council: Short-term backfill through June 30, 2025	Michele Martens -The team also discussed the vacancy left by Diana Torres, who can no longer serve on the Governance Committee due to her new role at the district. The team encouraged anyone interested in filling the vacancy to email them
For Discussion	
7. Thank You Grams 2024	Michele discussed the upcoming "Thank You Grams" fundraiser, a project initially intended to raise funds but now focused on delivering personalized thank yous to coworkers across the campus and district. The plan involves purchasing full-size chocolate bars, creating a template for the wrappers, and including a personalized note inside the wrapper. Michele also mentioned that the project would require volunteers for the wrapping and delivery process.
8. eBoard Elections for 2025-2027 Term	Please nominate your Classified Professional peers to serve next term! <u>Senate Executive Board Nomination Form</u>

9. Date Change for Senator Retreat	Thursday, November 21 12:00-3:00
10. What do our Senators want from the 2024 Senator Retreat?	Let us know here .
For Information	
11. Walk-A-bouts	Contact Pat Palma for info (pat.palma@gcccd.edu & palma_pat@yahoo.com)
12. Topics for Meetings with President Whisenhunt	Send your suggested topics to Michele
13. Topics for Meetings with the Chancellor	Send your suggested topics to Michele
14. President's Report	<p>Michele Martens discussed the ongoing issues with the 9+1 areas of governance consultation, which were initially agreed upon by the Chancellor but have since been put on hold. Michele also highlighted the lack of mid-management support (in some areas), suggesting the need for a procedure or manual to facilitate classified participation in events and meetings. She also mentioned the need for release time for classified staff to work on Senate responsibilities, which has not been agreed upon with the Chancellor. Michele expressed hope for a culture shift and the potential for progress with the new executive board and senators.</p> <p>Michele discussed the student appreciation pop-ups, which are set up in the quad around midterms. These events include games, a prize wheel, free snacks, drinks, and school supplies. Michele also shared the results of a survey conducted among students, which showed that most students heard about the pop-ups by chance, and they appreciated the free snacks, drinks, and grand prizes the most. The survey also provided suggestions for improvements, such as more games, better advertising, and longer event durations. Michele expressed her gratitude to Brandy for developing the survey and mentioned that she would share the results in her governing board report. Michele discussed the need for more volunteers and financial support for the pop-up events. She mentioned plans to invite administrators and faculty to contribute funds and volunteer time. Michele also shared plans to present these ideas to the President's Cabinet and to invite President Whisenhunt to speak at a new employee welcome event. We will also plan another Getting Real with the President on the calendar. She suggested involving students in the pop-up events and hiring work-study students. The team also discussed a potential craft fair and a fun activity planned for their retreat.</p>

Next Classified Senate Meeting: November 15, 2024
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