



## Meeting Minutes August 26th, 2025

### 2025 Senate Board Members:

- Michele Villante, *President*
- Flor Martin Del-Campo, *Vice President*
- Patty Gonzalez, *Treasurer*
- Yessenia Anguiano, *Secretary*
- Jordan Drolette, *Senator of Fundraising*
- **VACANT**, *Social Senator*
- M'Kormik Hamilton, *Ad-Hoc Senator*

### **1. Welcome – call to order 12:02 pm**

### **2. Announcements**

- 2.1. Flor: September 4<sup>th</sup> events. Transfer Day in the morning, Ribbon Cutting for phase 1 of Winery Complex 4-6pm

### **3. Discussion Items**

#### **3.1. Introduction of Senate Board**

- I. Patty is our new treasurer, taking over as Michele is our new president
- II. Flor is our new VP, leaving a Vacant Social Senator position

#### **3.2. Vacant Position (all interested volunteers welcome)**

- I. Please email Michele if interested in participating in the Senate Board – anyone is welcome! We all work well together and can use more than one Ad-Hoc Senator where duties can be split/shared

#### **3.3. District Committee Co-Chair Training**

- I. 8/26/25, from 4-5:30pm in the Community Room
  - Agenda shared covers committee rules, how to create agendas and minutes
  - Please attend if you are able! Important to know how to participate and that our voice is heard when decisions are being discussed

#### **3.4. Classified Committee Report Form**

- I. <https://bit.ly/classifiedsenatecommitteereport>
- II. Online form for committee representatives to submit their notes, takes a few minutes to complete
  - Useful for those that are unable to attend the General Senate meetings, reports will be read to the general membership

#### **3.5. Classified Responsibilities in Shared Governance**

- I. Difficult times due to negotiations, important to continue our work and remember the different purposes between union versus senate.
  - Please see attached for Michele's notes (last page)

#### **3.6. Professional Development Training with HR**

- I. Michele met with Charo, expressed interest in classified professional development training for job development & interview skills.
  - HR offered to provide training in resume development & how to apply for jobs
- II. Comments: HR not the best to benefit employees, funding questions regarding who will cover the cost.

- If led by HR, it may be funded fully
- If led by outside agency, funding could come from Staff Development Fund from the Chancellors Office
- Jason: interest in AI & Accessibility on campus
- General consensus for HR to not provide/source training
- M'K: reminder that we all have access to Vision Resource Center trainings, free from the Chancellor Office
  - Email for assistance with login

III. Flor to draft a survey on topics for trainings that will benefit the majority of our classified constituents

#### **4. District Committees**

4.1. Planning – no meetings yet

4.2. Budget – first meeting on Friday (more meetings as budget is approved, please look at Board Docs to send our representatives questions, encourage to have at least one classified rep to attend workshops)

4.3. Facilities – no meetings yet

4.4. DEI – retreat covered history of DEI and political climate, federal overreach. Encouraged to be more courageous to have empathy and allow students to feel belonging. Joshua & Patricia have been working on campus climate.

4.5. Technology – meeting on September 5th

4.6. Staff Development – no meetings yet

#### **4.7. Extended Cabinet/Council of Presidents –**

- I. Michele & Flor taking turns attending, please reach out for any concerns to be brought up for direct communication

#### **5. Non District Committees**

5.1. Curriculum -- no meetings yet

5.2. Student Success Standards -- no meetings yet

5.3. Distance Education and Technology – first meeting on September 17

#### **6. FUTURE MEETINGS**

- I. Executive Board Meeting: 09/11/25
- II. General Meeting: 09/16/25

**Adjourned 12:50pm**

***Classified Senate President statement regarding staying involved and engaged during contract negotiations.***

I recognize that it may be challenging to stay engaged in campus activities during these difficult times. Tensions around union negotiations can impact how we feel about participating in institutional meetings. However, now more than ever, it is essential that we remain informed and involved.

It's important to remember that **Shared Governance and union negotiations are separate processes**, each serving distinct purposes. While labor negotiations focus on terms and conditions of employment, Shared Governance is our collective voice in shaping the direction of our institution—particularly in areas that impact our students and daily operations.

We must be mindful not to let emotions from one arena spill into another. Shared Governance remains active, and **decisions continue to be made that affect all of us**. It is critical that classified professionals stay present and engaged in these conversations.

Now is not the time to step back. It's a time to **stay visible, stay involved, and ensure that classified perspectives are part of the decision-making process**. Our participation makes a difference—for our students, our colleagues, and our institution.