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Central Services Classified Senate Newsletter



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A Message from the President:

Janice Lee

Welcome to the 2009-10 school year! The Classified Senate will begin this New Year by co-hosting the Annual Central Services barbeque with Interim Chancellor Mike Brandy and his executive team on September 11th. The purpose of this event is to recognize all Central Services classified professional employees for the exceptional contributions they provide to the colleges – and ultimately to the students – with their service and hard work. Congratulations!

During 2009-10, the Classified Senate expects to have a very busy year, but our goal is to serve our classified professional community in the best possible way. We will continue to improve on the dissemination of information to all classified professional members.

We are currently working towards offering a CSCS scholarship for students – you will be hearing more about that soon. In addition, on behalf of the senate, I would like to extend our gratitude to those who have served as officers and senators in the past, and those concluding their current term, for their commitment, energy and enthusiasm. If you are interested in learning about the Central Services Classified Senate, please take a moment to visit our website at <http://hr.fhda.edu/personnel/classified/senate> or contact me directly at 650-949-6254.

I would like to invite all classified employees to support the Central Service Classified Senate through a payroll deduction. You may obtain the form from Linda Mahi 650-949-6193, payroll deductions can be as little as \$2.00 per month.

I would also like to encourage the entire Foothill De Anza Community College District community to nominate fellow Central Services classified staff for Employee of the Month. You may contact Myisha Washington at 650-949-6228 for a hard copy of this nomination form or go to the website at URL: <http://fhdafiles.fhda.edu/downloads/personnel/CSEOMNominationform0708.pdf> and complete the form.

Central Services Classified Senate BBQ

Greetings All,

Please come and join us to start the new school year at our Annual Central Services Classified Senate BBQ co-hosted with your executive management Team. The event will be held on Friday, September 11th, from 11:30 am to 1:00 p.m. in the BBQ area outside the District Office and the Board Room has been reserved as well in case the bugs are biting!

As is traditional, this is a BBQ and Potluck event. Hamburgers, beverages and ice cream will be provided. Your contribution of a special appetizer, salad, side dish or dessert, always makes the event more enjoyable. Please feel free to coordinate with other co-workers to bring a dish as there is always a lot of food!!!!



Good **FOOD**

Your 2009-2010 officers are:

President – Janice Lee	x6254
President Elect – Dawn Allshouse	x6162
Past President – Martin Varela	x6266
Secretary – Tom Roza	x5730
Treasurer – Linda Mahi	x6193

CSCS Officers for 2009-2010

Martin Varela

The confirmed positions for the Central Services Classified Senate for 2009-10 are the following:

Janice Lee	President
Dawn Allshouse	President-Elect
Linda Mahi	Treasurer
Tom Roza	Secretary
Hieu Nguyen	Senator 1
Ni To	Senator 2
Patience McHenry	Senator 3
David Gillett	Section 5
Sheila Coyne	Senator 7
Scott Olsen	Senator 10
Michael Bourquin	Senator 15

The Senators are key to a successful Classified Senate as they bring issues of importance from their areas to discuss at the monthly Senate meetings and bring back information from the meetings to share with the members that they interact with on a daily basis.



Since our elections in April 2009, the following areas still do not have representation: sections 4, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 16. We would love to fill these vacancies in our Senate positions. The CSCS bylaws allow that these can be filled by a simple majority vote of the Executive Committee.

If you are interested in being a leader for your area and becoming aware of what is happening at the District and on the campuses, please contact Janice Lee (President), Dawn Allshouse (President - Elect), or Martin Varela (Past President) for more information.

Congratulations to our new officers and senators for their commitment to serve our classified membership and for making a stronger and more successful organization.

Also, let me thank all voters who participated in this election and a big thanks to the Elections Committee and volunteers for their hard work and dedication for making this election a success.

Classified Retreat

Hieu Nguyen

We had 74 Central Services Classified employees who attended the annual CS Retreat at the Dolce-Hayes Mansion this year along with colleagues from the two campuses. It turned out to be a very successful combined retreat – the first one with all three classified senates in attendance. Many of the CS staff have indicated that they are looking forward to more future retreats like this year, with Foothill, De Anza and Central Services staff all attending together.

Our survey showed that most attendees thought the location was absolutely ideal, the food was excellent, and the agenda of the retreat was well organized. However, there were some who suggested that the keynote session was a little too long and there was not enough time for “team meet up” session to allow attendees to meet each other and work together as a group.

Although, we were facing a very challenging budget year, the committee just had enough funding to put everything together into a good package deal that we all could enjoy. Thanks to the many staff who directly and indirectly helped this retreat to be so successful, and fun as well.



Editor's Note

Elvia Navarro

Thank you to all who have contributed to the newsletter. Please remember we are always looking for articles for our next quarterly issue. For submissions or possible article ideas please contact me by email at navarroelvia@fhda.edu or by phone at X6259. And don't forget to visit our web site at URL:

<http://hr.fhda.edu/personnel/classified/senate>.