



Classified Employee's General Meeting

April 15, 2008 at 9:30 a.m.

Coronado Hall Lobby

Meeting Minutes

Welcome and Call To Order at 9:33 a.m. by Jeff Cook.

I. Approval of Agenda Motion to approve agenda by Jennifer Yund seconded by Mary Benavidas. Motion passed.

II. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes-December 19, 2007 General Meeting
Motion to approve previous meeting minutes by Cheryl Ruybal, seconded by Maria Valdez. Motion passed.

III. New Business

- a. Outgoing Council Members Bobbi Maul's clerical term is up and she is ready to step down. Jeff Cook representing a maintenance position offered to remain another term if nominated and elected. Kevin Ruybal holding an at large position offered to remain another term if nominated and elected. Ruby Sanchez's at large term is up and she expressed a desire to step down, but offered to help with future events as needed.
- b. Nominations and Elections Max Duran nominated Jeff Cook as the maintenance representative to the council, which was seconded by Jeff Horton. Motion passed. Max Duran nominated Kevin Ruybal to the council to fill the at large position, seconded by Roselie Schlaufman and the motion passed. Barbara Griego-Jones nominated Karie Young as a council member to the open clerical position, seconded by Carol McCann. Motion passed. Roselie Schlaufman was nominated by Melanie Jeppesen to the open at large position. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Yund and motion passed.

IV. Reports

- a. President's Report Jeff reported that the council just met with the new interim Affirmative Action Officer, Mr. Joel Korngut. The council believes that he is very knowledgeable and sincerely concerned about addressing all of the affirmative action issues on campus in an unbiased manner. His office is located on the 3rd floor of the Student Union Building and his weekly hours are e-mailed to all employees. Jeff remarked that if anyone would like to visit with Mr. Korngut and would like have a council member sit in, that any one of the council would be happy to so. After meeting with Mr. Korngut the council members believe that he will keep strict confidences and be very approachable.

- b. Treasurer's Report was given by Jacqueline and she indicated that right now there is \$2804.01 in the Club account and \$47,579.80 in the Scholarship account, with \$1,700 having been awarded in the fall of '07. The Foundation has agreed to continue to match dollar for dollar donations to the scholarship fund. The Valentine's Day dessert auction was a great success making a total of \$1,240. We were encouraged to continue to support Dominos, as they have been very generous in donating to the luncheon. Jacqueline also stated that we've had 47 orders for spring care packages which will be distributed on May 2 and 5. She requested that anyone wishing to help pass out the packages please let a council member know. It was also reported that we're still considering putting our own care packages together in an effort to personalize with the ASC theme more and to make more money rather than giving such a large cut to the present company. The council will continue to research.

- c. Statewide Liaison Council Report Jeff attended the most recent meeting in Glenwood Springs and reported that the state funded our increase of 1% base building and 2% lump sum achievement bonus. There are only two organizations which are officially meeting and set up as Classified Employees in the state, those being some colleges and the State Patrol. The state liaison council would like to see a lot more groups become organized and asked those of us who are, to encourage the others to do so. The state is also trying to institute Web-Conferences for these meetings in an effort to save energy and money to those who participate. These meetings have the strong support of Dr. Svaldi and the funding for our travels comes from his office.

V. Discussion Items

- a. Summer Social The topic of a Summer Social has been suggested in an effort to get to know each other and our families on a more personal level, outside the work place. Mentioned that maybe a Thursday or Friday evening at Cole or Carroll park right after work sometime in June could be considered. Karen Melgares said that as far as the food assignments are concerned it seems to work well to assign by alphabet. Kevin and Jeff will check into making possible reservations, if needed. Asked that anyone with ideas please e-mail a council member, then the council will make final plans at the retreat in May and get the word out to all Classified Employees concerning the summer social and the craft fair.

- b. Amendment 41 Jeff explained the problems with Amendment 41 and how it has transpired through the legal system. He indicated that Rich Gonzales from the DPA is not concerned about the

amendment affecting the awarding of the Classified Employee Scholarships or other fund raising efforts on campus, as there is no one called or appointed to oversee and monitor these actions, and we are not considered lobbyists working toward our own personal gain. Therefore, we will continue to award the scholarships and carry on with other procedures as we have in the past.

- c. Karen Melgares asked what the status is of the Classified Employee's web site. Bobbi and Ruby indicated that they have been trained and are responsible for maintaining it, but that it's a very large undertaking and requires a lot of time. With both of them coming off of the council, someone else needs to be called on to take care of that project. Maria also reminded us that the Personal Leave change will not go in to place at this time and they're discussing putting short term disability back in to place.
- d. Open Enrollment Presentation by Shannon Heersink – April 21st- May 16th. Shannon discussed that the state had gone back and forth between making this a “passive” or “active” year for our benefits. It was determined that it is “passive” meaning if we don't make any changes to our benefits, they'll just roll over and be the same as the previous year. Shannon passed out our individual leave sheets and explained the different changes in coverage which will begin the 1st of July. She mentioned that most of the premiums had gone up, or larger deductibles/co-payments will be required than last year. Asked if there were any questions and offered her services with any concerns.

VI. Adjourn The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Melanie Jeppesen and seconded by Don Connell at 10:51 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peggy Dunn, Secretary