



CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES' GENERAL MEETING
October 27, 2004

Council President Rodney Martinez called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m. in SUB 308.

New Employees: Rodney had the new classified employees that have been hired as of April introduce themselves.

Bill Mansheim, CFO: Bill Mansheim spoke on the College Opportunity Fund (COF). It is basically a performance contract between the state and the institution. It will change how we receive our funding and how we do things. Our contract with CCHE will be negotiated November 16th and it encompasses two aspects: academic and a fee for service contract.

Tracy Rogers, HR Director: Tracy announced that classified open enrollment is currently underway until November 6th. If you need to make any changes or to re-enroll in a flexible spending plan, please do so on-line at <http://www.colorado.gov/dpa/dhr>. The medical premiums have decreased due to an increase in the state's contribution. It is a short plan year, January through June. In April, we will go through another open enrollment to convert to a fiscal-based benefit year. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Human Resources.

Phil Schroeder, Financial Aid Director: In relation to COF, a representative from the College Access Network (CAN) will be on campus Wednesday, November 3rd to provide an overview and answer any questions. The one-stop-shop is underway and will be implemented in January. The architect will have the drawing soon for the remodeling of the Student Union Building where the one-stop will be housed. All student service functions will be in one location, although there will still be processing centers. A presentation will be held November 4th at 2:30 in BUS 142.

Scholarship(s): The new scholarship criteria were voted upon. Patrick Roybal, Jacqueline Vigil, and Karen Melgares counted the ballots. Both scholarships were approved by a majority, with the counts being 44 to 2 for the CEC Education Grant, and 36 to 10 for the K-12 Educational Fund. A new brochure will be developed to provide information on all the scholarships and request donations. Karen Melgares announced the recipients for the 0405 award year. There was discussion on retaining the March 15th deadline which the council will research further.

Reports of On-going business:

- Treasurer's report – There is a balance of \$3229.58 in the club account. An invoice for the care packages still needs to be resolved. The Son/Daughter scholarship account remains at \$1500, and now will be transferred to the foundation. The Foundation account is at \$41017.56. For a detailed report, please contact Andrea. Andrew DeHerrera motioned, with Ken Felmlee seconding, that the treasurer's report be approved as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.
- Campus Fundraisers –
 - Care Packages – The letters to parents have been mailed. This semester we have included Valley students in the mailing. Distribution will take place December 10th and 13th. If you'd like to help with distribution, please call a council member.
 - Heidi Ho Nuts – Heidi Ho is a fundraising corporation that sells gourmet nuts, honey roasted peanuts, and a holiday gift box. This year they have added an assortment of chocolate covered nuts. If you are interested in purchasing, please contact a council member.
 - Campus Calendar – An idea for a fundraiser is to sell campus calendars. In years past, the campus provided a calendar that highlighted campus activities. One recommendation is to have the calendars be smaller, hence more manageable, than previous calendars. We will continue to seek input for this fundraising activity.
- Election/Civil Service Reform – Rodney noted that all registered voters should have received a "blue" book that outlines the amendments and referendums currently on the ballot. This election, Referendum A deals with changes to the civil service (classified system). Patrick Roybal read the overview for Referendum A. All employees were strongly encouraged to vote.
- Announcement of Holiday Gift Baskets – Our annual collection for holiday gift baskets will start November 1st. We will again be distributing gift certificates for \$25 worth of groceries and a \$5 turkey at Safeway. If you have any student in mind, please contact Andrea. Recipients can be on or off campus, but please note if your nomination is off-campus.

Committee Reports:

- CWAC – No report.
- Statewide Liaison Council – Will have meeting in Fort Collins on November 12th.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

The next regular council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 10, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. Any classified employee is welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Andréa Benton-Maestas