

MSC Meeting 3/14/24

Agenda approved. Jim first/Carrie/second.

Classified Senate Update. Alan Burwell. Classified senate sponsoring resource drive for students. Consistent feedback that there are needs for flexible funding for students. Soliciting for gift cards for direct support. Would MSC be willing to join forces to make a broader endeavor. We are humbly and respectfully challenged to see who can raise the most for students. Academic Senate has accepted the challenge. Aiming for April after Decolonize. Gift cards are being given to provide students with flexible direct payment. Constituent groups can engage however they like; groups can reach out to local businesses to donate. Has Foundation been informed of this? Not yet. They will talk to Foundation. Will this direct payment create a direct liability to the District and will it impact Financial Aid? Those discussions have taken place. Gift cards need to have some sort of food type. Will need to be tracked on who gets aid. Tristan: Foundation has document in place for procedures for direct giving. Encouraged to review. Do we need to consider as income? Per Tristan may not be? Is there a path for students to let them choose how to spend funds that are given? Per Tristan, more conversation needed. Classified Senate sending 6 employees to attend classified leadership institute, collecting nominations.

Reports: Budget update. Classified Day in May. They are asking for \$300, which would go to gifts for classified. We do have the funding for it. Julie move, Maddie second. We will probably be able to help serve breakfast. Motion approved. Possible going offsite for end of year gathering after graduation at Agave Room, Thursday June 13, after work. Will people attend. Room \$300, 4 appetizers \$22/person. No host bar. This will be funded by the MSC budget. Motion: Carrie move not to exceed \$2500. Second by Maddie. Motion passed.

Benefits update: Health insurance rates going up, but not as much as expected. Dental flat, vision going up slightly, but will be increased benefit for contacts and progressives.

No planning and budget update.

Tech Update. Will be reviewing bylaws.

Pro Dev Update. MSC funding is little left. Additional funds may be transferred in. Encourage staff to apply for classified funding, and classified events next week. Faculty out of pro dev funds. Contact Melisse Boyd for strong workforce funding for training.

College Council. Strategic plan discussion for creating leads for strategic plan and reporting out. Do we want someone else to serve on MSC so Tray is not serving a dual role as well as MSC Chair. Anyone interested can reach out to Denise and Tray to explain role of Co Chair.

Foundation Board. Butte College held the annual Spring Gala at the Sierra Nevada Big Room on March 2nd. Two outstanding alumni were recognized, Brandon Slater – President, Slater and Son and Julie Martin, vice president of ambulatory operations at Enloe Medical Center. There was a great speech by student speaker Macie Dentone, agriculture business and political science major. This year, members of the Speech & Debate Team were emcees for the event. Jack Abdulaziz, Abel Chavez, Jr. and Julia Irvine did a wonderful job! Financials are still being finalized for the event, approximately \$190,000 net was

raised that will benefit the Foundation and Industrial Technology Program and Ag Leadership Club. This year was the best Spring Gala to date!

The Butte College Foundation Scholarship Application period closed on March 10<sup>th</sup>. This year there were almost double the number of students that applied that in the previous year which is amazing. The Foundation welcomes everyone's help reviewing student scholarship applications. The process takes anywhere from 1-3 hrs and can be spread out over a couple weeks. The reviewing process will start towards the end of the month and will be open most of April. Reviewing applications provides an opportunity to get to know some of the students we serve and help support. If you're willing to volunteer, please reach out to the Foundation Office.

Academic calendar 25/26. 3 new holidays added. Cesar Chavez (3/31) and Native American day (First Friday after the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday) and Lunar New Year February 17, replace a President's Day Holiday. Could be anywhere between January and February, any day of the week. Not all cultures ascribe to the same Lunar Holiday. Additional flex days added. Motion requested. Add Cesar Chavez and Native American, Carrie Motion, Yolanda Second. Motion carries. Lunar New Year excluded from motion.

MSC Co Chair, Denise will term off. Looking for nominations. Decolonize first week of April. All encouraged to attend. April 1-4.

Emeritus process. 1 application. Do we have a committee for this? We need a committee to review, need 3 volunteers. Carrie will chair, needs list of retirees from last 2 years. Kim McCall and Tristan Bosch will volunteers.

End of year gathering, onboarding, hiring guidelines, more updates to come.

Public Comment: Follett bookstore did not go through constituent groups, some people are upset.

We need to talk more about the Classified Senate fundraiser, have questions we need answered. Will tell Allan we won't be able to participate.