



CLASSIFIED SENATE NEWS

2019-20 CLASSIFIED SENATORS

L to R: Therese Grande, Dorsie Brooks, Liz Caluag, James Hulbert, Linda Kiser, Jessica Jacobs, Kristen Hill, Pratik Solanki. Not shown: Ben Olague, Michael Crane



Dear Classified Colleagues,

As your Classified Senate President for the 2019-2020 year, one of my primary responsibilities is to ensure that your voices are represented in all College and District participatory governance processes. Additionally, the Classified Senate strives to provide leadership development opportunities for classified professionals at Golden West, and to support student success both inside and outside the classroom. With that in mind, this year's Classified Senate has set a few key goals that we're prioritizing this year.

First, we're striving to improve our organizational communication methods. This includes ensuring our GWC Classified Senate portal site is accurate and up-to-date with meeting agendas and minutes, providing a space in Classified Senate meetings to report out and take updates back to governance committees, and this brand-new Classified Senate newsletter, which will be sent out on a quarterly basis.

Second, this year's Senate has set an ambitious goal of raising \$5,000 to establish an endowed Classified Senate Student Scholarship, which will be awarded annually at GWC's Scholarship and Awards Night. To work towards this goal, the Senate has created a taskforce which will coordinate a fundraising campaign, as well as establish scholarship criteria. The taskforce includes Kristen Hill (kill48@gwc.ccd.edu), Jessica Jacobs (jjacobs40@gwc.ccd.edu), Jill Kiefer (jkiefer2@gwc.cccd.edu), and myself (tgrande@gwc.cccd.edu). If you'd like to be involved in this project, please feel free to

contact any of us, and we'll make sure you're included in taskforce meetings!

Finally, we're working to establish a formal mentorship program for GWC classified professionals, which would help newly hired classified mentees connect with more seasoned classified mentors. We spoke about this program in more detail at our November 15th meeting (from 2pm - 3pm in Math Science 218), so if you have ideas you'd like to share, we'd love to hear your input!

Speaking of input, I meet with both President McGrath and Chancellor Weispenning on a monthly basis to communicate needs, issues, and feedback from GWC Classified. If you have specific comments or questions that you'd like brought up at these meetings, please feel free to contact me anytime - whether it's by email, phone (x.55199), or over a cup of coffee at Sergio's cart (my treat for the first 10 folks who reach out!), I'd love to connect individually with as many of you as possible this year.

On behalf of the Classified Senate, thank you all for the time and energy you've put into the Fall semester welcoming students to GWC and supporting them both inside and outside the classroom on their educational journeys.

Best,

Therese

CLASSIFIED SENATE PRESIDENT 2019-2020

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

Classified Senate Attending GWC Student Equity Forum in Lieu of Regular Meeting

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11TH

Classified Senate Report at Board of Trustees Meeting

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17TH

Classified Senate Meeting; Topic: Spring Semester Meeting & Election Calendar
2pm - 3pm in Math & Science Center 218

For meeting agendas and minutes, please visit the GWC Classified Senate portal site.

Did you know that all Classified are contractually allowed to attend and participate in Classified Senate meetings without using lunch or personal time? For more information, or if you're experiencing any issues, please contact any member of the Classified Senate or your CFCE leadership.

CONTACT INFO

Want more information? Send us an email at gwcclassifiedsenate@gmail.com

CLASSIFIED SENATE 2018-19 RECAP

The Golden West Classified Senate had a very busy and productive first year. With support from both College and District Administrators and the input and approval of Golden West College's Classified Professionals we submitted our constitution and bylaws for board approval at the beginning of the 2018-19 school year. On October 17th 2018 the district board unanimously voted to ratify our documents creating a new Senate.

Immediately upon our Senate's ratification an executive board was elected and the Classified Senate got to work establishing a strong tradition of working for our campus. In our first year we saw the passing of an MOU between Coast District and the CFCE which allows the Classified Senate to place staff members onto shared governance committees on campus while also providing release time to e-board members to conduct Senate business.

The Classified Senate hosted its first fundraiser with the goal of starting our own student scholarship and began participating actively on committees and at events around campus. This included heavy participation in President McGrath's "Shaping our Future" retreats. Most importantly, members of the Classified Senate Executive Team took an active role during our recent accreditation visit participating in multiple meetings and events during a very successful accreditation team site visit.

We're all very proud of what we managed to accomplish in our first year and, having been joined by some extremely talented new senators, are looking forward to another great year serving Golden West College.

James
CLASSIFIED SENATE PRESIDENT 2018-2019

THE 2019-2020 CLASSIFIED SENATE

Earlier this summer, the Classified Senate held an open nomination process for vacant Senator seats for the upcoming year. As no position received more than one nomination, the following individuals were appointed to serve for the next two years:

Kristen Hill – President's Wing Senator
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Jessica Jacobs – Student Services Senator
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Pratik Solanki – IT Senator
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Linda Kiser – Instructional Wing Senator
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These newly appointed Senators will serve alongside our six returning Senators-at-Large, who will be serving the second of a two-year term for the upcoming year:

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This brings our team to a total of 10 Senators, with 3 current vacancies (Administrative Services Senator, M&O Senator, Part-Time Senator). If you're interested in serving in one of these vacant seats, please contact any member of the Classified Senate.



PLEASE JOIN US

CLASSIFIED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

FRIDAY JANUARY 10, 2020

8:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

GWC STUDENT UNION

Learn how Classified Professionals can engage with the campus community and students to accomplish GWC's Vision for Success. Be sure to register TODAY and receive your free "Vision for Success" event tee shirt. Lunch will be provided.

For more, contact Connie Marten cmarten@gwc.cccd.edu

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