

CLASSIFIED SENATE NEWSLETTER

We're trying something new!

We know that you get e-mail after e-mail with information, information, information! After awhile everything looks the same!

In an effort to provide something new to look at and a tool to communicate with the classified staff and the college community as a whole, we give you the first issue of the *Classified Senate Newsletter*.

Our goal is to provide you with information you need, updates on senate activities and plans, important college news, as well as a place to share information about your department, yourself, the students and our community.

Our initial thought is to send the newsletter out twice a semester, beginning and end, but we would appreciate your input. We are looking at this first newsletter as a pilot and a jumping off point to create something that is beneficial and enjoyable for all.

Please contact one of your senators and let us know what you think. Give us your thoughts and suggestions. This is for you.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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WHAT'S NEW?

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Milestones

Did you say 20 years?

At the holiday party in December, the following individuals were honored for reaching 20 years of service to College of Marin.

- Jon Gudmundsson, Comm.
- Wendy Lee, Info Tech
- Sue Scott, Counseling
- Kate Dodele, Counseling
- Julie Oyle, Workforce Dvlp
- Pearl Monemzadeh, HR

As has been done for the last several years, the honorees received key chains to commemorate this milestone.

Did you know that there are 53 classified employees that have 20 or more years of service with the College? It is really quite impressive and shows how much people care about and invest themselves in the College of Marin.

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New Buildings

New Fine Arts Building—KTD

New Main Building—IVC

Check them out!



TALK TO
EACH OTHER!

Our Purpose

- To provide classified staff with a formal structure and effective procedures for participating in our college's Participatory Governance System, including the development of the college mission, vision, values, plans, policies and matters related to accreditation.
- To support classified staff participation on college and state-wide committees, dealing with governance, planning, and policy.
- To promote the professionalism of all classified staff
- To provide leadership opportunities for classified staff
- To foster communication, understanding, and mutual support among classified staff and the college community

Please take a minute to review our [Constitution and Bylaws](#)

KEEP THE
INFORMATION
FLOWING!

Welcome To Our New Staff Members

Welcome to our new staff members hired in 2010 and January 2011. If you haven't met them already, introduce yourselves!

John Adams	Campus Police
Maridel Barr	Modernization
Julie Breakstone	Human Resources
Michelle Greitzer	Fiscal Services
Leslie Lee	Human Resources
Anna Pilloton	Outreach
Kathy Takemoto	Workforce Devlp.
Shannon Timpane	Health Services
Yvette Vargas	Fiscal Services
Justin Zollars	Chemistry

MAKE THE
COLLEGE A
GREAT PLACE
FOR
EVERYONE!

Best Wishes to our Friends

Best wishes to our friends who have moved on to other adventures:

Jorge Alfonso, Outreach
Francine Allen, English
Shiloh Cokinos, DSPS

Loretta Indart, Fiscal
Darryl Kesecker, Police
Kimi Lakomski, HR

Connie Rafanan, CES
Carson Riutta, Math/Science
Michael Stinson, Chemistry

Our Finances

The Classified Senate Account is maintained by the College of Marin Foundation. The Senate receives funds from fund raising and from individual staff donations.

Spending during July—December 2010 follows:

Outgoing Officer Flowers	55.59
Holiday Party	300.00
Retirement Flowers for B. St. John	43.20
Key Chains for 20 years of services	114.45

Fund Balance is \$513.24 as of January 11, 2011.

If you would like to help the senate by making monthly contributions, please complete the [Classified Senate Payroll Deduction Form](#).

Single contributions to the Classified Senate may be made directly to the College of Marin Foundation.



TAKE A MOMENT AND RELAX!



From the Classified Professionals Liaison Committee (CPLC)

The Classified Professionals Liaison Committee (CPLC) is a joint CSEA, SEIU and Classified Senate committee. CPLC coordinates the appointment of classified volunteers to College Participatory Governance Committees and appointments to Personnel Screening Committees for all positions at the College including faculty, staff and the President.

TAKE A WALK!

Governance Committees:

CPLC coordinated the following appointments to governance committees to ensure that COM classified professionals have a voice in the college's Participatory Governance System. These appointments generally are made for two years. Governance committees meet one to two times a month and the time commitment that is required varies among the committees depending on their particular goals and responsibilities. Serving on a governance committee provides classified staff with important information about college plans, goals, and objectives and is our opportunity to provide input as well.

You can find more information about the college's governance system including a description of each committee on the [Participatory Governance Web Page](#).

STRETCH!

For the current academic year, we have filled our allocated positions on the following committees:

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| Educational Planning Committee: | JRobert Dobbson, Gaylene Urquhart |
| Facilities Planning Committee: | Don Flowers, John Rodriguez |
| Governance Review Council: | Karen Van Kriedt, Xenia Zarrehparvar |
| Instructional Equipment Committee: | Jon Gudmundsson, Andy Haber |
| Planning and Resource Allocation Committee: | Tom Burke, Jon Gudmundsson, Mike Irvine |
| Professional Development Committee: | Paul Fanta, Devon Kinka |
| Student Access/Success Committee: | Heather Peitz, Carol Perez |
| Technology Planning Committee: | Mike Irvine, Mary Sage, Justin Zollars |

Screening Committees:

CPLC coordinates appointments of classified staff to Personnel Screening Committees. These committees are generally in session for a few weeks, although there are some, for example, for our new president, that last a bit longer! The initial review of complete applications is done online and the committees generally meet once or twice prior to interviews to set up the calendar and to develop/review interview questions. Screening Committee members make recommendations to the District regarding the candidates they believe would make outstanding employees.

MEDITATE

FOR A

MINUTE!

Since June 2010, classified professionals have served on the following Screening Committees/Panels:

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| Presidential Search Committee: | JRobert Dobbson, Heather Holliday, Melinda Molloy |
| Children's Center Site Supervisor: | Linda Hyland |
| Chief of Police/Director of Safety: | Dustin Ruiz, Dodd Stange |
| Child Development Center Architect: | Linda Hyland |
| Medical Assisting Instructor: | Joan Rinaldi |
| Administrative Systems Analyst: | MaryGale Beyer, Jeff Peck, Dodd Stange |
| Administrative Assistant to the
Director of Modernization: | Julie Breakstone, Heather Holliday, Melinda Molloy |

These opportunities to serve are announced through emails to all classified professionals and we truly appreciate the generous volunteers that take the time to participate!