



Las Positas College Classified Senate
Classified Senate President's
Report to the Board

Academic & Professional Excellence

Special Highlights—October 2009

Increasing the Capacity of Las Positas College's Classified Senate'.....

Over the past several months a theme has been developing for the Classified Professionals of LPC, as we have been trying to build our ability to sustain the future growth of our Classified Senate. It is my intention as the Classified Senate President to help us create a strong infrastructure for communication. In order to pass information along to our constituency members, we must have ways to communicate the information. Additionally, we are cognizant that not every Classified employee can attend the regular Senate meetings, so we are exploring additional ways to pass along key action items, discussion points, etc.

In an effort to open the lines of communication, each Senator will facilitate a meeting with their group members in the early part of November; our Officers have each volunteered to help one Senator with a meeting. These meetings will take place at the College's Innovation Center with the help of Jeff Sperry, Instructional Technology Support Specialist and Senator for Group III. Jeff offered, as an incentive for group members to attend the meeting, to give a short tour of the facility, and provide a small training on items in GroupWise that most users are not aware of. During these meetings the Senator and Officer will report to their constituents about items on future meeting agendas and upcoming events for the Senate and the College, and get feedback to bring to the Senate meetings for those members unable to attend. Each attendee will receive a Classified Senate "Hot Sheet", which contains helpful information regarding the Senate website, meeting dates, and Senator/Officer contact info.

These meetings are a new way for the Classified Senate to increase communication among staff members and encourage active participation in the Senate.

Classified Professionals of LPC

Upcoming Events

- Classified Luncheon sponsored by the Union (SEIU 1021): Thursday, October 29, 2009.
- A Collection of left-over Halloween candy will be donated to the Blue Star Moms and sent overseas to active servicemen and women.

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Purpose Statement

The Classified Senate was formed based on direction from California Assembly Bill 1725 and incorporated into the California Education Code, Title III (Post Secondary), Division 7 (Community College), Part 43 (California Community College), Section 70902.7 which ensures community college staff has the opportunity to express their opinions at the campus level and that these opinions are given every reasonable consideration; and the right to participate effectively in district and college governance.

The purpose of the Classified Senate is to serve as a forum and act as a resource for the expression of views and sharing of information on non-bargaining issues that affect all classified professionals at Las Positas College. The Classified Senate supports all classified professionals by serving as a liaison on various College committees, to the College President, the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District Chancellor and Board of Trustees. It promotes and encourages programs that provide support for the growth and development of classified professionals, as well as activities that are consistent with the college's mission, values and philosophy.

The Classified Senate is organized to:

- 1) participate in and enhance the shared governance structure at Las Positas College; represent the various needs, concerns and viewpoints of the classified staff not related to union negotiated matters (i.e.: hours, wages, job duties, grievances, benefits and etc.);
- 2) collaborate with the Campus Union representative to select representatives from its membership to serve on governance and college committees;
- 3) provide a centralized means of communication between the classified staff and the college community;
- 4) articulate the professionalism of the classified staff so that it is properly recognized and valued;
- 5) provide an opportunity to develop individual leadership among the classified staff, as well as increase the professional standards of its members;
- 6) promote and support activities that develop or increase the skills, productivity and professionalism of the classified staff.

Institutional Strategic Goals 2009-2012:

Teaching & Learning | Institutional Advancement | Accountability | Economic Development | Resource Development & Allocation
Academic & Professional Excellence | Diversity & Pluralism | Communication & Infrastructure | Community Life | Sustainability