ELECTIONS

Classified Senate elections were held this spring, to fill out the Senate for the upcoming 2014-15 school year. As result, there are five new Senators, although three have served in the past (* Prior Senate Service):

- Krista Collette*
- Jill Hedman*
- Carol Skripek
- Dave Stephens*
- Jason Taylor

The elective seats of Executive Board were selected by the Senate:
- PRESIDENT: Peter Dahl
- VP PUBLIC RELATIONS: Julie Scarpelli
- TREASURER: Norma Talley
- SECRETARY/RECORDER: Jill Hedman

(Pr Hohenstein was elected VP ELECTIONS & APPOINTMENTS, but later stepped down as he felt he would not be able to give the position all the attention it should receive. The position is currently unfilled)

SUMMER RETREAT/ORIENTATION

The Senate will meet at its annual summer retreat in late June. This all-day activity serves to orient new members, review last year’s accomplishments, provide education and training on duties and procedures, and set goals for the upcoming year.

CLASSIFIED DAY

Occurred June 5, and in a change from the typical outdoor park setting used for many years, was held at the Bird Street Café in Oroville. This unique venue gave the staff a refreshing twist to Classified Day, and allowed them to closely experience historic downtown Oroville as a setting for the Professional Development team-building activities.

The Classified Day Committee was made up of Co-Chairs Dana Hipchen and Eric Hohenstein, members Kathy Hutchinson, Teeje Jamison, Norma Talley, John Viale and Mai Xiong, along with help from Doug Cummings, Judith Evan and Bambi Mayfield. The team should receive special recognition, not only for all their hard work putting together a first-rate event-filled day, but also for daringly taking the event in a new direction that was very well received by those in attendance, over 120 staff members in all.

Instructor Bruce Enyeart made an appearance to deliver a very heartfelt expression of Faculty’s appreciation for the work the Classified Staff performs that was appreciated by all. Dr Perry attended and took time to address the staff with another message of appreciation. She was also an enthusiastic participant in some activities, most notably judging (and critiquing) the crown-building event.

SCAN-TRON/COFFEE GIVE-AWAY

For the first time ever, on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings of this last finals week, the Classified Senate provided free scan-trons, pencils and coffee to students. This could only be considered an astounding success with approximately 700 scan-trons and over 500 cups of coffee presented to overwhelmingly grateful students. Staff working the activity received countless expressions of gratitude and compliments, even from individuals not availing themselves of the offer. Made possible through the fund-raising efforts of the Senate, this activity was so well received it’s clearly a worthwhile endeavor warranting a return in the upcoming year. The Senate wishes to give special thanks to Steve DeMaggio and Tom Flesher of Dining Services and their staff for all the help.