



Classified Council General Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday, September 16th, 2022, 10:30am

<https://gbcnv-edu.zoom.us/j/82178469832?pwd=ZlZuVXlmZzFoWGxxVnRiU0RsdXp1UT09>

Call Meeting to Order – Louellen Monte – 10:31 am

Roll Call: Tasha Sorla, Cindy Holt, Jordan Hathaway, Sonja Sibert, Louellen Monte, Shemayne Pitts, Amparo Chaidez, Laurie Adams, Julie Martinez

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve August 19th, 2022, minutes: Tasha Storla, Second: Cindy Holt. Motion passes unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report: Cindy Holt: The Tony Salvatierra Scholarship Account: \$820.48 and the Hospitality Account: \$1,176.44 after the disbursement of Fall 2022 scholarships.

Site Reports: POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

- Ely:** Shemayne Pitts – Student were able to participate in the IAV Bingo event put on by the Student Government Association (SGA) and had a great time. Two new tutors and a facilitator were hired. Things are starting to settle down as the semester progresses.
- Winnemucca/
Battle Mtn:** N/A
- Pahrump:** Louellen Monte: Two new facilitators were hired and have been getting acclimated. Patricia Martin is no longer with the campus, so we are looking for a new “Gear Up” person. The Fall Festival is taking place next week. GBC represented with flyers for the college as well PTK’s “You Matter” initiative.
- Elko:** Cindy Holt: Students are getting settled, but things aren’t quite slowing down for staff yet. Those on the Elko campus can stop into the Education office to get bags and/or flyers for the PTK “You Matter” initiative. You can also donate individual items towards a bag in addition to full bags.
Tasha Storla: PTK is doing some amazing work. They just presented at the Board of Regents meeting (Sept. 8-9) as well as the GBC Foundation Meeting where they were awarded \$6000. The Nursing program is having a seminar on substance abuse counseling. The Student Government Association (SGA) is looking for senators and holding elections starting today. The Communications Department has been busy printing banners for all sorts of things including various sport teams for the Elko County School District.

Committee Reports: POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

- Bylaws:** *Chairperson: Tasha Storla:* Started gathering up the information and will start sending them out to the volunteers.
- Events/Fundraisers:** *Chairperson: Tasha Storla:* Discussed in ‘Possible Action Items’.
- Webpage:** *Chairperson: Cindy Holt:* No updates; just posting minutes and agendas as usual.
- Grant-in-Aid:** *Chairperson: Cheyenne Stocks:* N/A
- Hospitality/Awards:** *Chairperson: Open:* N/A
- Scholarship:** *Chairperson: Shemayne Pitts:* Congratulations to the Fall 2022 scholarship winners: Katelynn Gurr and Cheyenne Stocks.

New Business: INFORMATION ONLY:

POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:

1. Discussion on Grant-in-Aid proposal that was sent out at last month’s meeting (Aug 19th, 2022).
 - Sonja Sibert explained that the proposal that was sent out too closely matched what the Classified Staff Grant-in-Aid policy that is in place, and that dependent grant-in-aid will not be able to cover all of the fees and other items that the Classified Staff Grant-in-Aid program does.

Some of the references used in the proposal only applied to Classified Staff grant-in-aid and do not qualify for dependents.

- She recommended that the information be gathered about the scope of the proposed program: if they are interested, the number of dependents, and if they are full time or part time. That way we can get an idea of what the budget would need to be to implement it before taking it to leadership council.
 - Sonja also sent out an email with links to the policies for WNC and UNR for us to use as guides for making changes to the proposal.
2. Discussion on the updating of Classified Council Stipends.
- We have gotten pushback in previous years about the payout of stipends, so Sonja suggested taking the idea to the NSHE Classified Staff meetings to find out if other colleges at our level have implemented this practice and to use their compensation amounts as a guide for our own.
 - Sonja also mentioned that although these stipends would come from the department of these members, it comes out of the personnel budget and will not affect the operating budget of those departments.
3. Additional questions for Sonja Sibert.
- Are Classified Staff members allowed to attend Faculty Senate committee meetings, advisory boards, and groups?
 - Sonja stated that this would have to be looked up in the Faculty Senate bylaws in order to be answered. We can contact Kevin Seipp, Faculty Senate Chair, to address this question better. We also have the ability to create joint agenda items with the Faculty Senate to take to the Leadership Council.
 - She also mentioned about the idea of requesting that some meetings, such as the Safety Meeting, should be institution-wide so that all viewpoints may be addressed.
 - Are we allowed to have in-person meetings again?
 - Yes, to a certain extent, live meetings are able to happen. GBC is still trying to limit and monitor large and community events. Potluck style events are still not allowed, but having food brought in is not a problem.
 - Are we still required to do sign-in sheets?
 - Although it has become a little bit relaxed, we should still do sign-in sheets in the case of COVID exposure notifications, especially in classes. All COVID regulations and updates are current on the GBC webpage.
4. Discussion on the Regent's Award
- GBC's Outstanding Classified Staff award was missed for this year, and nominations for the Regent's Award are due in October. In previous years, our winner of Outstanding Classified Staff Member was used as our nomination for the Regent's award. Upon further investigation, however, the criteria for the Regent's Award include the requirement of at least five years of service. We have few Classified employees that fill that requirement, so it is possible that our Outstanding Classified Staff may not fulfill all of the criteria needed for the Regent's Award.
 - To avoid this, a motion was made to separate the two awards and gather nominations for both separately, meaning we would have to gather nominations for the Regent's Award and get it in by the October deadline. Cindy made the motion, Julie seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
 - After the information is gathered, Jordan will send it out to staff for nominations.
5. Fundraising ideas; See's Candy and Little Caesar's Pizza
- Tasha spoke to Ben at Little Caesar's Pizza and we are all set for the pizza kit fundraiser, which will run from 10.1-10.31. The Classified Council will receive \$6 per kit sold, and our goal is to raise \$1000. Tasha made the motion to put the money raised from this fundraiser into the Tony Salvatierra Scholarship Account. Shemayne seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously. Tasha will send out the email with details closer to the start of October, as the link won't be active until then.
 - Our November fundraiser was chosen to be the Krispy Kreme fundraiser. Everything is all set, we just have to figure out how to get the donuts here.
 - See's candy was chosen as the December fundraiser since they have some holiday-themed candies and work great as office gifts. This fundraiser will be added to the October agenda to iron out the details.
6. Discussion on Classified Council becoming a collaborator for the PTK initiative "You Matter" on October 22, 2022, as well as what kind of activity we would like to do for our table.
- Lynette MacFarlan offered to provide the Classified Council with children's books to hand out at our table. Ideas for activities included clothespin fishing over a sheet for prizes, rolling dice, and decorating Cuties to look like pumpkins.
 - Julie made the motion to be a collaborator and do the Cutie pumpkins as our activity. Cindy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
 - Cindy and Tasha volunteered to donate the oranges for the event.

Public Comment:

- N/A

Next Meeting: Friday, October 21st, 2022 – 10:30am, Zoom

<https://gbcnv-edu.zoom.us/j/82178469832?pwd=ZlZuVXlmZzFoWGxxVnRiU0RsdXp1UT09>

Adjourn: Louellen Monte – 11:28am