



**Classified Forum Meeting
Red Fox Room
December 6th, 2012**

Members present:

Lakewood Campus: Deb Dahlstrom, Sheryl Scharnikow, Sonja Starkweather, Karla LeComte, Yvonne Pepping, Di Drobnick, Debra Miller, Peggy Stewart, and Carla Plucknett

Arvada Campus: Jane Banzhaf, Valerie Montoya, and Bobby Asher.

Classified President: There were several nominations made for the Classified President 2013. Following Classified Constitution procedure, each nominee was contacted to ask for acceptance or rejection of the nomination. All but one rejected the nomination. When there is only one accepted nominee, that person automatically defaults to President. ***Please welcome Yvonne Pepping as our new 2013 Classified President.***

Classified Constitution: In an effort to align with the Technical Professional Constituency and the election process it was acknowledged earlier this year that the Constitution is in need of modification. One of the modifications will come in the form of officer election. The Tech Pros hold election for President Elect each year in May. The President Elect serves alongside the current president in place of a vice president for one full year, at which time a new election takes place, the President Elect becomes the president with a new President Elect. The process eliminates the need for separate vice president office. A motion for the new election process was made by Yvonne Pepping and Debra Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Yvonne Pepping was the only person to accept the nomination for Classified president. Karla LeComte accepted the request to serve as Vice President Elect and the forum voted unanimously to place Karla LeComte into the position. Beginning January 2nd, Yvonne Pepping and Karla LeComte will take the office of Classified President and President elect until May of 2013. In May 2013 in alignment with the Tech Pro, another vote will take place for President Elect at which time Karla will move into the President position and a new President elect will be voted on to fulfill the office until May of 2014. The change in format is to ensure that when a president leaves the position, any project or activity that is in mid-process will be assumed by the President Elect without losing momentum or starting over.

The Constitution Committee, Sonja Starkweather and Di Drobnick, will work to update and modify the current constitution to reflect the newest change. They are open to suggestions and volunteers.

Holiday Reception: Deb reminded everyone of the Reception on Wednesday December 12th from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. in the Grand Foyer, and reminded us all to bring a dish to share.

During the reception there will be a collection box for \$\$ donations. Whatever is collected will go to the needy student that was chosen for the Christmas Charity. If you would like more information about the student and the donation, you may contact one of the Classified Forum officers or Maryann Touitou, Tech Pro Chair.

Books for Benefaction report: Karla LeComte opened a discussion regarding the Second Wind Foundation, the non-profit organization that was voted on as a recipient of Books for Benefaction donations. Proceeds collected from the book drive in the amount of \$200. will be donated. For more information about this organization, please contact Janis Eagan or Karla LeComte.

Guest speaker - Tim Griffin: Deb introduced Tim Griffin, Director of Institutional Research. Tim talked RRCC mission and vision and about what he and the Collaboration Council and the priorities for the future of RRCC. He talked about the new Mission and Vision of RRCC and the communication between constituency groups. Tim encouraged input from everyone as the changing mission and vision statements are evaluated to fit the goals and future of RRCC.

Statewide Liaison Council: During the last State Liaison Council meeting Deb was voted to the Executive board of the SLC and will co-chair the Central Region committee with Sylvia Whitman of Pikes Peak Community College as well as continuing to represent RRCC through 2013. Deb reminded everyone to stay in touch with their State Representative by sending letters or emails (on your personal computers) to the Governor, the State Reps and Legislators. Communication with state politicians is the only way to be heard and to let them know the condition of our finances and lack of funding.

Next meeting TBD

