



Classified Forum

Red Rocks Classified Meeting

9/25/2013

Red Fox Room

Members Present

Lakewood Campus: Yvonne Pepping, Karla LeComte, Mary Adrian, Sonja Starkweather, Peggy Stewart, Jerah Dickson, Pat Dunn, Sheryl Scharnikow, Rita Rigg, Di Drobnick, Deb Dahlstrom, Danielle Trujillo

Arvada Campus: Jane Banzhaf

Guest Speaker: Ed Miller, President of Student Government

Welcome

The meeting was conducted by Yvonne Pepping, President and Karla Le Comte, President-elect, with Mary Adrian, Secretary and Danielle Trujillo, Treasurer. Yvonne introduced Ed Miller, President of Student Government, to have him explain the Tobacco Free Campus initiative per Michele Haney's request.

Ed presented on why Student Government is pursuing a Tobacco-Free Campus initiative

Why a Tobacco Free Campus?

- Create a healthier campus, began as a wellness initiative through PTK with a 3 year grant w/ Jeffco Public Health for cessation.
- We have everything from young children in the Children's center on campus to students who are asthmatic.
- Prepare students for when they leave because many other universities and work places are smoke free.
- Students have not been allowed to smoke at public schools, per city ordinance.
- Currently campus has a policy to be at least 25 feet from any door (50 feet near Children's Center) but it is difficult to enforce.

President Michele Haney wanted this to be a student initiative:

- Student Quit coaches are now available on campus
 - 3 year grant from Jefferson County Public Health to help people through the quit process, if that's their goal.
 - Student Government and PTK has been working on this for over a year.
 - Staff members also have access to Jeffco provided services
 - Collaboration Council doesn't want to act without input from smokers and others
 - Possible goal for smoke free – Fall 2014
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- There is currently no clear policy in place with regards to marijuana and e-cigarettes. Concise language will be written as we move forward.

Progress on Aligning with Admin/Tech Pro

- It takes a while to make changes to the constitution; those changes are not complete yet.
- We are currently following our constitution without the new changes.
- Suggestion to make May 2014 the date for new nomination for President elect.
- Sheryl Sharnikow motioned to hold elections in May, 2014, with any new people stepping into their positions in July.
Peggy Stewart Seconded, all said "Aye"
- Deb Dahlstrom – Previously Classified have not been taken seriously. Now has connectivity in the school, other schools, politically making an impact.
- Stipend & Professional development \$1500.00 per chair, chair elect each year in place now. To focus on speaking or leadership as related to the job of serving.
- Karla and Yvonne Signed up for Women in Leadership conference in Charlotte, NC in November.

Request from school leadership: Classified and Admin/Tech Pro consider President serving 2 years

- Why not also align w/ faculty senate (2yr), positions serves for 2 year. Which would mean a 4 year commitment with our current structure of President elect?
- Discussion as to pros and cons on making this decision
 - Takes time to build relationships, get to know more of the job and the processes and people.
 - Collaboration Council does not meet regularly from June – September, not enough time to complete projects
 - Could look at the President-Elect only serving in the second year
- Agreed to table discussion for now and send 2 year ideas out to forum w/ minutes.

Admin / Tech Pro

- Chair election in July – Jeff Holstein, then stepped down from chair-elect.
- New chair – Ron Slinger
- Chair Elect – Deb Houser

Collaboration Council strategic planning

There was a discussion at the last Collaboration Council meeting with constituency groups regarding goals. Karla and Yvonne felt that the Classified Forum goals for this year have concentrated in the areas of communication & organization. Are we happy with our Strategic Goal? Our College Vision and Mission statement are being redone and they would like to finalize by January. By Thanksgiving there should be breakout sessions with groups for feedback. The President's meeting was held without Michele. What can we do to shorten the process of implementation?

State Liaison Position

Deb Dahlstrom has a full plate and is not sure she can continue in this role. Statewide Liaison duties include: Attending the quarterly meetings at designated colleges throughout the state; reporting to the Liaison Counsel home school happenings, as well as, any state issues that may impact the group; also if RRCC is a host school for the quarterly meeting then the liaison works with the campus Classified President to set up the meeting event.

The president of the RRCC Classified constituency may serve as the liaison and in most cases does. RRCC chose to have a separate elected position to help limit burn out and or complacency. Contact Deb Dahlstrom if you are interested in learning more about this position or to volunteer.

Treasurer Report

Danielle Trujillo has taken over as Treasurer. She is going to start over because she is not comfortable with some items that don't match now. This year our monies have gone toward: Caps & tassels for students who could not afford to purchase them, a donation to the Second Wind Fund, seed money for the Veterans' Book Fund, and Welcome Wagon T-Shirts (can order through marketing).

Other business

Next meeting will be held at the Arvada campus.