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Central Services Classified Senate Newsletter



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Elections

Myisha Washington

2009-2010 Classified Senate Elections

It's our 5th Annual Central Services Classified Senate elections and it's time to nominate new officers for the Senate! This year we are accepting nominations for the following positions:

- President Elect
- Treasurer
- 16 Section Senators

Think of your colleagues and nominate those who will best fulfill the duties of the position and best serve the Central Services community. You may even nominate yourself!

Nominations are being accepted online at <http://hr.fhda.edu/personnel/cscsnominations>. Nominations will be accepted through Friday, April 17 and elections will be held on Tuesday, April 28 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For additional information, please contact Myisha Washington by phone at (650) 949-6228 or by email at washingtonmyisha@fhda.edu.

For general information about the Central Services Classified Senate, please visit the website at <http://hr.fhda.edu/personnel/classified/senate>.



A Message from the President

Martin Varela

Every year we invite you to participate and be part of Central Services Classified Senate but in the coming year, more than ever your participation will be extremely important. The district will be facing many challenges ahead, such as dealing with an unstable budget, potential layoffs, and the hiring of a new chancellor.

These are issues that will directly affect our membership community and it is critical that we have a strong voice in the various district shared governance committees. Therefore, I urge you to actively participate in the upcoming elections by nominating a colleague or yourself to serve under any of the available positions in the senate and by voting on April 28. Only your participation can ensure the continued success of our organization in the district.

Nominate the Next Employee of the Month!

Myisha Washington

Do you know an employee or co-worker who deserves to be Employee of the Month? Someone who is the backbone of your department, always does his/her best without complaining, no matter how difficult the task, goes above and beyond to help co-workers, or who you can always count on to get the job done? If so, now is the time to recognize him or her... Nominate an outstanding Central Services employee NOW!

Anyone can nominate: students, staff, faculty or administrators! The EOM Committee looks forward to receiving more nominations from the Foothill-De Anza community. Nomination criteria and forms are available at <http://hr.fhda.edu/personnel/classified/senate>.

Send all nomination forms to Myisha Washington in Human Resources, or via email at washingtonmyisha@fhda.edu. You may also nominate on-line at http://hr.fhda.edu/personnel/EOM_nomination.

FHDA Classified Staff Have a New Union!

Ray Saria

The effort to decertify SIEU as the union representing Unit 1 classified workers was successful. Now ACE, the Association of Classified Employees, is representing the 600 hard-working employees who are so much a part of the overall effort to provide higher education opportunities and to support the success of this state.

ACE is in the process of getting established, meeting the many regulations, legal requirements and continuing negotiations with the district. There is lots of work still pending to make this effort effective and viable. The immediate needs are to sign up memberships within the deadline, the approval of the constitution (a requirement to acquire legal status), and the election of its officers.

It is a new beginning that presents to classified employees the opportunity to have more to say in the conduct of our business, a chance to be a very dynamic organization, a watchful sentinel of the well-being and rights of all employees (senior and new), and to have more active participation of our members to create an organization that is vital, strong, and committed to success.

We need you to be involved, attend the meetings, vote, and become a member. We have the opportunity to be part of an organization that will be strong and more powerful by the commitment and support of its members.

Editor's Note

Elvia Navarro

I would like to encourage everyone to be an active senate participant by collaborating on the newsletter and/or by being part of the voluntary payroll contribution to support the Senate. You can find and download the Payroll Deduction Withholding Request form at the Senate's web page <http://hr.fhda.edu/personnel/classified/senate>. We are always looking for articles for the next issue and would welcome your contributions to the newsletter. For submission, contact me by phone at (650) 949-6259 or by email at navarroelvia@fhda.edu.

Your 2008-2009 officers are:

President – Martin Varela	x6266
President Elect – Janice Lee	x6254
Past President – Scottie McDaniel	x6265
Secretary – Tom Roza	x5730
Treasurer – Debbie Haynes	x7204

Classified Retreat on May 8

Hieu Nguyen

It is almost time for our annual retreat, to be held this year at Dolce-Hayes Mansion! The CSCS retreat committee is happy to announce to all Central Services classified employees that this year, for the first time, we will have a combined retreat with the Foothill and De Anza Classified Senates. The event will take place on Friday, May 8th from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.



Our theme this year is focused on the wellness of every individual classified staff member. Our agenda has many interesting presentations scheduled and breakout sessions concerning your health and well-being. You will have a chance to meet and to talk to knowledgeable speakers who will have advice about how to have a healthy lifestyle at work and at home.

You will also have a chance to explore some special activities and services available at Hayes. You can take advantage of one or more of the spa services such as a manicure or pedicure, facial, or a relaxing massage after the retreat (for an additional cost).

The flyer and the RSVP have been distributed via inter-office mail and email. The deadline to turn in your RSVP is this Friday, April 17th. Hurry up and get that RSVP completed so you can take a break from your office routine to come to meet your co-workers, learn new tips for your health, participate in teambuilding games, and to earn credit for your PGA.

We hope to see you there! Please return completed forms to: Hieu Nguyen (x6268) at the District office, Darya Gilani (x7057) at Foothill, or Nichole Buchwald (x8551) at De Anza by **this Friday, April 17th!**