

Classified Senate Report – 4/16/26 College Council Meeting

As we approach the close of the academic year, the Classified Senate looks forward to celebrating and recognizing the invaluable contributions of our classified professionals at the upcoming Employee Appreciation Luncheon, where the Classified Appreciation Awards will highlight outstanding service and dedication across our campus and we will recognize classified professionals for benchmark 20 years of service. This year, the Senate has opened the submission of Classified Appreciation Awards to all COM employees wishing to acknowledge specific classified professionals for their outstanding work. We have already seen nominations from faculty and managers and look forward to reviewing the nominations after the April 24th deadline.

In addition to the Employee Appreciation Luncheon, we will attend the Retiree Luncheon on May 13th to recognize and celebrate classified staff who are concluding their careers, offering a small token of appreciation for their years of service.

We are also beginning early conversations about enhancing classified engagement at COM, with the goal of introducing new ideas that encourage participation and foster enthusiasm within our Participatory Governance System. We hope to deepen classified staff involvement on committees, ensuring that voices are both heard and empowered across shared governance spaces. In alignment with this goal, we met with CPLC members to review the MOU regarding the role of CPLC. We discussed the need for web presence, and content is currently being generated to be published online.

The Classified Senate remains dedicated to strengthening our community and meaningful engagement, and we look forward to continuing this work in the months ahead.

Thank you!

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