

**Professional Learning Committee**

**April 25, 2023**

**3:30-4:30 p.m.**

**Zoom**

**Present:** Cara Kreit, Mary Kesler, Stacey Lince, Allyson Martinez, Tea Perales, Danila Musante, Carol Hernandez, Sally Wong

**Absent:** Tonya Hersch, Connie Lehua, Cari Torres-Benavides, Shook Chung

**Agenda** - Agenda approved

**Minutes** – Minutes for 4/11/23 approved

**Meeting Goals:**

- Theme and initial planning for Staff Appreciation Lunch
- Finalize PL Survey
- Begin Convocation student panel planning

**Committee Updates:**

- Appreciative inquiry from around the College.
  - 1619 Project wrap up was amazing – music and poetry
  - COM received Culturally Responsive Teaching grant from Chancellor's Office.
  - Two new COM programs: former Foster youth, Rising Scholars for formerly incarcerated youth. Call for ideas to contribute to these programs.

**Requests for Classified Funds:** Oksana Pensabene (approved)

**Staff Appreciation Luncheon – Wed. May 24**

- Updates
  - Plaza outside Performing Arts will be the location. Tenting will be provided for shade.
  - Budget for this event will hopefully be moved out of Professional Learning since it is not a PL event. Will give an update when Cara has one.
- Theme: "Thank you for doing your best every day!"
- Next steps
  - Dee is the new caterer - \$15-20/person: salads, sandwiches, vegetarian options, drinks, dessert. Erring on the side of ordering more food than needed.
  - Discussion about recognizing Suzy for all of the years she has been at COM. Not at the staff luncheon.

**Finalize professional learning survey**

Discussion about suggested changes to the questions on the survey:

- including making sure this is inclusive to all employees "other" in employee designation
- more opportunities to write in ideas
- organize categories more clearly

- Update questions on PL funding  
Discussion about Pre-Flex week and getting more feedback about what people would like to see for Pre-flex activities.  
Building in more Health and Safety training. More Emergency Preparedness.

Convocation: Exec Team has approved Jonas Center for event, standard Convocation Day schedule in the morning, then Dept. meetings, Union meetings. Moving President's Reception to Thursday afternoon, perhaps do something special for Dr. Coon. He wants to be interviewed. Perhaps COMMunity Hour programs – talk to Dr. Coon. Will return to this in the Fall. Exec Team was excited about doing a student panel, connect with your groups to find students who will do it in the fall.

May 15<sup>th</sup> Classified COM Hour – planning meeting is scheduled.

Adjourn

**Next PLC meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2023.**