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Classified Council

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# MEETING MINUTES – FEB. 20, 2020

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Call to Order: 1 p.m.

Location: RDMT 256

In attendance: Tina May, Sarah Jacobsen, Janet Bicker, Julia Bledsoe, Samie Perez, Cynthia Olivo, Sarah Gill, Katt Warner, Teri McKinney, Chamaea Edwards, Hannah Thomas, Valerie Lambert, Scottie Lockrem, Valerie Kelley

## Approve Minutes

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Minutes for Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> meeting was approved with corrections: misspelling of words, “activates to activities”, “Marh to March”, “AFSME to AFSCME”, and “on to one”. Corrections were made and a motion for approval was made by Hannah Thomas and seconded by Cynthia Olivo.

## Board Member’s Reports

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5. Distinguished Classified Grant- in -Aid
  - a. Emeritus faculty are able to take courses after retiring but as of right now, distinguished retired classified staff are unable to. So the board is hoping to establish a similar benefit for classified staff.
  - b. Julia Bledsoe and Sarah Jacobsen met with Becky Josten at the Foundations office regarding establishing an endowment scholarship to help fund this program. But it was found that it must have so much money in order for it to make dividends. A question was asked of why the money doesn't come out of the same fund that is currently being used for classified GIA since many are unable to take courses due to their job duties.
  - c. It was brought to Dr. Hilgersom's attention and she recommended to increase the rigor of the application. Sarah Gill mentions that a comparison of the Faculty Emeritus application to the Distinguished Classified application.
6. Employee of the Month & Year Wall
  - a. More room is needed as the two panels that are currently up have been filled. The classified board are exploring more ways to add more time. Board is working with Jacob Estes to figure out the best route to take.

## Upcoming Classified Council Meeting Date

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1. Thursday, Mar. 19 at 1 p.m. in RDMT 256

Meeting adjourned at 2 p.m.