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Classified Senate Board Meeting Report

Good evening, President Chabaan, Board of Trustees, Dr. Garcia, and college community. Thank you for the opportunity to speak on behalf of the Classified Senate.

Congratulations to Robin Hernandez on Employee of the Month award for May. From Bookstore Clerk to Scholarship Technician, your 20+ year journey at SRJC is a testament to your dedication, not just to the institution, but to every student whose future you've helped fund. Connecting over 640 scholarships to students, totaling millions in funding is no small feat. You make an enormous difference, and this recognition is well deserved!

As Dr. Stover mentioned?... We are excited to announce the Classified Senate will be partnering with the Academic Senate and the President's Office for "Coffee Talk with Colleagues" during Finals Week in the Bertolini Employee Lounge. We are inviting all employees to come together, foster community, meet new faces and greet old friends, all while grabbing a cup of coffee and some tasty treats. Please check your email for the invite and we will send reminders next week. We hope to see you all there.

We have sent the call for Participatory Governance Committee Assignments for the 2026-27 year. The deadline to sign up is tomorrow, May 13th. Next, we will be processing the submissions and contacting employees for their next year assignments. A huge thank you to all our classified professionals that take the time to participate in our governance process, in addition to their classified assignment.

The Happy Paws Challenge has concluded and we are HAPPY to report, we encouraged 55 pairs of paws (or employees) to get out and walk during the challenge! We will be bringing this challenge back to the community in the fall semester.

Our Spring Secret Pal program has also concluded. We'd like to send a thank you to the participants that joined the Spring program. I participated, as I always do, and was thrilled to make a new connection, as my pal turned out to be a brand-new employee.

I am always thrilled when a new employee joins the program, as this is the type of connection our Secret Pal Program makes, which is so important to forge bonds and make new friends here on campus. SRJC can be overwhelming as first, with such a large district, people can easily feel lost, so it's wonderful to have someone reach out to, when you are new.

The Classified Senate had our last meeting of the year, earlier this month. We will gather again in July for our Summer retreat, on the Petaluma campus, Tuesday, July 21st.

I want to give a huge shout-out to the Classified Senate for all the work they did this past year. From our engagement in participatory governance, to the recognition dinner, to our community events, the Classified Senate works hard to advocate, support and recognize the amazing Classified Professionals here at SRJC. I am grateful for each one of them.

We will continue to be the voice of our constituents; we will continue to represent Classified Professionals to the best of our ability; and we will continue to work hard to bring this district together in community.

I look forward to continuing our work next year.

I'd like to also thank Student Trustee Clark for your service this past year. And welcome incoming Student Trustee Reed. Thanks for coming to HR today. I was great to meet you. Welcome!

As always, thank you for your time and support. Have a good evening.