



### A REAL WELCOME TO THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2010-2011

I'd like to offer you a 'serious' welcome to this academic year. On Convocation Day, August 16<sup>th</sup>, Sarah Thompson, President of Academic Senate, and I did a spoof welcome for our Interim President, Dr. Guy Lease. We wanted to start the year off light-heartedly, provide some levity for you, and give Dr. Lease an "LPC Survival Kit". (In addition, I had previously tested his sense of humor in the office.)

So 4 weeks into Fall Term I'd like to say that I hope you all have a good year, despite the fiscal challenges in serving students. We can still be of service within our departments, as well as across the campus. It seems like this is the time to put into real practice the concept of "intangible resources" – meaning Each of Us. There is a lot available to read about this concept, and I'm sure we will put it to the test until the State budget gets sorted out. Reminder: Ask all your friends and relatives to "Vote for Education", and call their Assemblyperson and State Senator!

As we go through the year I hope you will be able to take heart in the knowledge that you are doing what few others could do, with fewer resources than most – and you do it with a sense of humor.

But, seriously – have a wonderful year!

*Thank you for all you do --  
Sharon Gach  
In service as President 2010-11*

**Classified Senate Meetings**  
August – May  
**4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month**  
Room 1603

***New time: 1:00-3:00 p.m.***  
*...to accommodate increasing numbers  
of meetings we volunteered to be flexible...*

### ***Sunshine Person Duties Thank You Connie Reding!***

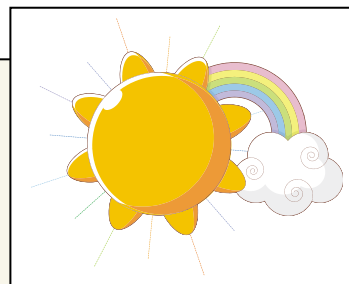
Classified Professionals have long had a tradition of sending greeting and other cards to co-workers for significant events in their lives. This was also placed in the Bylaws some years ago, which is an item that not all Classified Senates include. There is a small fund for this work.

The longtime Sunshine Person for LPC Classified has been **Connie Reding**, Staff Assistant in the A&C Division. Each Fall the Senate has asked for another volunteer to relieve Connie of the duties. This Fall someone has come forward to take over the job – **Julie Thornburg**, Administrative Assistant for the Dean of Student Services.

*Connie, we appreciate your years of service* making the lives of hundreds of people happier with your lovely, cheerful and condolatory notes and small plants. Many of us have smiled and put the cards on our desks at the milestones in our lives and careers – and felt encouraged by your kind words. We cannot thank you enough, Connie!

As in the past, if anyone has information on illness, marriage, death in a family, retirement, good luck, or other milestones in someone's life -- please email Julie Thornburg, and a card will be on its way.

*Thanks to Julie for "Taking up the Pen!"*



## ON ITS WAY – A VOLUNTARY PHOTO STAFF DIRECTORY!

At the most recent Classified Senate meeting we discussed the fact that the campus is not like it used to be, back when there weren't as many buildings, and everyone knew everyone.

This is no longer the case. We are spread out over the campus, there are many newer people that you may not know very well, and/or you don't know that they have knowledge of a campus procedure or software program from which you could benefit.

The Classified Senate would like to do its part to remedy this situation. As such, we have started to create an online directory of staff, including a photo (optional), where you work/what you do, and any special skills you may have.

This is completely voluntary, but we would appreciate your help in bringing the staff a bit closer together, and uncovering some of LPC's "Hidden Gems."

In addition the Staff Development Committee agreed that this is an excellent idea and will propose a directory for the whole campus. **This project is being organized by Jeff Sperry**, VP of Activities and a Staff Development Committee Member. Call or email him with comments.

Please click this link to add yourself:  
<https://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?formkey=dFpZMHE0NmpUNTJaeVBFUG05endsRGc6MQ>

Thanks!  
The Classified Governing Council

### Simon Saysso



Dept.: Answering Questions

Special Skills:

- Jambalaya Chef
- Trumpeter
- Anger Management Trainer

**Sample Photo Directory Entry**

*NEW!*

**IMPORTANT**

**NEW SENATE  
MEETING TIME: 1:00 – 3:00 PM**

**SAME DATE: 4<sup>TH</sup> THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH  
SAME ROOM: 1603**

be GREEN



## 2010-11 GOVERNING COUNCIL

President	Sharon Gach	925-424-1001
VP Communications	Christie Verarde	925-424-1188
VP of Activities	Jeff Sperry	925-424-1655
VP of Fundraising	Cindy Balero	925-424-1548
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Senator Group I      Cindy Ahre      925-424-1001  
Bldgs: 100, 100B, 300, 400, 600, 4000

Senator Group II      Frankie Alexander      925-424-1690  
Bldgs: 800, 1700, 1800, 1900

Senator Group III      Todd Steffan      925-424-1571  
Bldgs: 700, 900, 1300, 1300A, 1300B

Senator Group IV      Bill Eddy      925-424-1282  
Bldgs: 2000, 2100, 2400, 2500

Past President      Natasha Lang      925-424-1634

*Feel free to contact your Senator or any of these officers have a question, comment, or if you can assist.*

## LPC PRESIDENT SEARCH COMMITTEE -- CURRENT TIMING:

- **Sept. 28:** Drop-in forum at LPC with Dr. Fischer, ACCT consultant, to hear ideas on skills, attributes, and what LPC needs in a President.
- **Early October:** Position announcement to go out
- **January 20:** Application deadline (due to 3 intervening holidays and waiting for start of Spring term for staff to be available to review apps.)
- **Jan. 24-28:** Committee members to review applications on their own
- **Early Feb:** Committee meeting to determine interviewees
- **Feb 14 & 15:** Committee interviews candidates
- **Feb 24 or 25:** Candidates' forums on campus

## LPC PRESIDENT SEARCH UNDERWAY

At the first Town Meeting on September 1<sup>st</sup>, Dr. Mary Anne Gularte announced the details of the LPC President Search. And in an email from Dr. Gularte to Classified Senate President Gach, the Board of Trustees invited the President of the LPC Classified Senate to identify someone to serve on the LPC President Search and Screening Committee. To avoid appearances of conflict of interest with her job duties in the President's Office and her role as President of Classified Senate she decided not to place herself on the Search Committee. The position was opened up to all Classified Professionals to volunteer, as all Classified staff are considered members of the Classified Senate. She stated, "My goal is to be confidential, transparent, and fair in this process. I am asking that interested persons respond to the questions below, and commit to the timing and process."

On Sept 7<sup>th</sup> members of the Governing Council met and reviewed statements from the volunteers. The person chosen was Cindy Ahre. Cindy is an Instructional Assistant in the English Center and last May was acknowledged for 30 years of service to LPC! If you have information, ideas or concerns for Cindy as the search goes forward, please email her.

**In addition, see the several opportunities to directly voice your opinions and ideas in the article to the left.**

*Thank you to all who sent statements and offered to volunteer – please offer to serve in another capacity again soon!*

# CONTRIBUTIONS TAKE MANY FORMS

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Classified Professionals contribute not only in their regular jobs, but as volunteers to the Senate also. These contributions come in many forms: representing Classified viewpoints on College committees, helping at a bbq, making a salad for a potluck, or taking a shift at the yard sale.

Another new way to help has been found by Greg Johns of the Computer Center. Since Greg cannot leave his work area very often, and is an accomplished graphic artist, he has begun creating flyers and other materials for us!

To the right is one of his designs for a Classified Senate logo. If you would like to work with Greg on this project just email him, or call Ext. 1144.



ONE OF THE TRIAL LOGOS CREATED BY GREG JOHNS,  
COMPUTER CENTER



## COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES – LOOK IN HERE !!

Thanks to those who are representing the Classified Senate on the college committees this year.

- **If there are important issues for decision**, make sure you vet this with the Senate, or at least with the Governing Council. Senate meets 4th Thurs. each month at 1:00 pm (new time); Gov. Council meets 1st Fri. each month, noon.
  - If you did not actually re-up for your previous committee, the Bylaws say that **people remain on committees until they notify the designated official** of their resignation from the committee.
  - **Therefore, if you want to change** your committee – just let Sharon Gach know, and she'll inform the Committee chair – and look for a replacement for you. Even better, if you have a replacement, let her know that!
- **GUESS WHAT: We have a report form – and need your meeting summaries – Grab the report here:** <http://grapevine/classifiedsenate/FORMS.php>
- **IF THERE ARE 2 OR MORE REPS:** You do not all have to put in a report, unless you want to. Just decide who will do it so it does happen!
- **Send your report to:** Sharon Gach by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month please.

**Reports. Need 'em. Want 'em. Gotta have 'em.**

*Thank you very much!!*