



SAN DIEGO CONTINUING EDUCATION CLASSIFIED SENATE  
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**MINUTES**

***Regular Meeting of the Classified Senate of San Diego Continuing Education***  
**Tuesday, January 21<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 2:00 PM • Via ZOOM**

Present: Esther Anthony Thomas, Shakerra Carter, Carla Grossini-Concha, Damella Abbott, Jennifer Bennett, Nelia Carbaugh, Ron Flores, Cynthia Giammarinaro, Kelly Henwood, Jennifer Kennedy, Tammy Krasne, Neill Kovrig, Patricia Lopez, Mitza Lindsey, Stephanie McCrea, Ricardo Madueno Montanez, Tracy Melvin, Carmen Moi, Danielle Ninness, Kiana Redulla, Crystal Quezada, Trenton Romero, Taya-Simone Selmon, Amanda Torres, Danielle Williams, Zuri Williams and Floreniza Carla Yumul.

Absent: Julia Sanchez Molina.

**I. THE MEETING WAS CALLED INTO ORDER AT 2:02 PM**

**A. Approval of the Agenda:** Esther Anthony-Thomas confirmed.

**B. Approval of Minutes:** Move approval of Minutes to next meeting (Feb).

**C. Special Presentation:** Dr. Shakerra Carter, VP Student Services, who was invited to share her personal and professional journey, emphasizing the importance of building personal connections beyond work-related interactions.

- Shakerra Carter shared her family's history, particularly the influence of her mother, a young single parent who overcame significant challenges to graduate high school and build a career in home healthcare. Shakerra highlighted the values of kindness and respect instilled in her by her mother, which have shaped her own path in education. She recounted her educational journey as a first-generation college student at Chico State, where she received support from student services, leading her to various roles in higher education and a commitment to addressing inequities in student admissions and support.
- Throughout her narrative, Shakerra discussed the emotional challenges of facing job rejections and how her faith helped her reframe these experiences as opportunities for growth. She encouraged attendees to embrace rejection as part of the career journey and to seek out various roles that align with their skills and aspirations. Shakerra emphasized the importance of self-reflection and understanding the political nature of career advancement, advocating for perseverance and an open mindset in navigating professional paths.

II. STANDING ITEMS:

A. President's Report – Defer Update

B. Co-Vice President's Report – No Update

C. Treasurer's Report – No Update

D. Professional Development – Update-

- Carla Grossini-Concha raised concerns about the scheduling of the Dates to Star Conference, noting that Fridays may not be ideal for attendance, a sentiment echoed by Neill Kovrig, leading to further discussion on the topic.

E. Committee Assignments – No Update

F. Budget Development Council – No Update

G. CAEP – (removal of CAPE from future agendas)

H. Fundraising – No Update

I. Foundation – No Update

J. Advocacy – No Update

K. Executive President's Cabinet/DGC/EGC – No Update (Defer to next meeting: AP 3721)

III. BUSINESS FOR CONSENT/ACTION

IV. REPORTS, and INFORMATION ITEMS

- ***Institutional Day, 1/27/25, see you there!!***

V. ROUNDTABLE:

- The meeting concluded with Esther reflecting on the productive discussions and the engagement of the group. Shakerra reiterated the significance of personal fulfillment in their roles and reassured participants of her support. Can supply list of books that helped during her career journey. In light of timing, the group reached a consensus to adjourn the meeting, with Esther indicating she would send out a notice for the next meeting and the possibility of inviting the chancellor.

VI. ADJOURNMENT at 2:58 pm