



Classified Forum

Red Rocks Classified Meeting

5/7/2013

Red Fox Room

Members Present

Lakewood Campus: Yvonne Pepping, Karla LeComte, Mary Adrian, Sonja Starkweather, Peggy Stewart, Jerah Dickson, Pat Dunn, Sheryl Scharnikow, Rita Rigg, Di Drobnick, Scott Farmer, Carla Plucknett, Deb Dahlstrom

Arvada Campus: Jane Banzhaf

Guest Speaker: Liz Cox, R.I.S.E.

Welcome

The meeting was conducted by Yvonne Pepping, President and Karla Le Comte, President-elect, with Mary Adrian, Secretary and Sonja Starkweather, Treasurer. Yvonne introduced Liz Cox to explain the program known as R.I.S.E.

Liz Cox presented the Red Rocks Institute for Sustainability in Education

What is R.I.S.E. ?

- 2010 Family Legacy Grant by Dan Leach RRCC Board Member
- A platform for launching new education initiatives
- Outside of Degrees with Designation or Career and Technical Education
- Involved with Jeffco K-12 and School of Mines members
- **Focuses on two areas:**

STEM: Science, Technology, English and Math

- Economic Competitiveness: the US is falling behind
- New Technology
- Breakthroughs in research
- Innovation
- Enterprise creation
- Partnership with Mines

Problem solving for sustainability

- Water
- Waste
- Power
- Energy

- The classes at Red Rocks in Engineering are math and science only, so R.I.S.E. provides a sustainability design class which provides real world hands-on experience.

Aquaponics Project

Students worked with Kevin Edwardson, RRCC Grounds Supervisor, on an aquaponics project he had been interested in developing for planting for Red Rocks. The students visited with a local aquaponics company “Grow House” and Jeremy Beard, part time faculty and Mines alum then presented 4 designs to a panel in a competition format. Mines became involved and commented that the designs were of a Senior design caliber and Senator Udall came to visit the R.I.S.E. group on the same day RRCC was hosting the Fine Woodworking event. A “green Grant” from the NSF, (National Science Foundation), paid for supplies to execute the design. This is only a 1 credit class, but the students put in 8-10 hours a week because they loved what they were doing. The end result is a aquaponic garden where one half of the space will be used to grow food and plants to be used on the Red Rocks campus. The other half will be used for biology and botany classes.

Sign Project

Students worked for a semester on designing the new Red Rocks entry sign using AutoCad and Solid Works. 3 designs were presented to the Design Committee a few weeks ago and elements from each design were identified and the students were challenged to incorporate the best of each into a new design. The students will not actually build the sign, but rather the final design will be contracted out.

Summer Camp

R.I.S.E. provided a no-cost pilot summer camp for 7, 8, 9th grade students in summer 2012 to develop a curriculum in solar energy. The plan is to develop the camp in 2013 with the hope to roll out the camp in summer 2014.

Future R. I. S. E. projects

Liz welcomes ideas for future projects: having to do with sustainability. Some ideas thrown out for possibilities under consideration include a living roof and/or garden area on the bridge flat roof. They will be working with School of Mines Senior Design people.

Treasurer Report

Sonja Starkweather shared the distribution of recent funds. A brief discussion occurred about establishing guidelines or criteria for how we will decide how to donate Classified money. There are many good causes, but we have limited funds. Perhaps we can donate more time and look for volunteer opportunities like helping with a community garden, or helping with a club.

- \$300.00 to Veterans Book Fund
- \$100.00 to the Second Wind Fund
- \$132.84 to RRCC bookstore for caps & tassels

Other business

SLC Meeting

Karla LeComte attended the SLC meeting. President-Tamara Axworthy, VP-Sarah ?, Treasurer/Secretary-

Sylvia Whiteman. Treasurer/Secretary position has been restructured so 1 person can serve that combined position.

Sylvia Whiteman is the woman that Deb Dahlstrom has emailed the constituency about her house burning down and how we can help.

Deb Dahlstrom is the Central Region rep, the NW region has dissolved. School of Mines is now involved.

Nine Health Fair Breakfast Burritos

Discussion about the breakfast burritos for the 9 Health Fair. Burritos are \$2 apiece. We donated \$400 for 200 burritos and the feedback was that people were disappointed in the burritos over previous years. To be discussed again at a later time.

Fletcher Miller Garden

Discussed their food nights fundraiser and reiterated that anyone who wants to individually donate is encouraged to do so, but the Classified contingency will not be making a donation at this time, until we have had a chance to establish donation guidelines.

Annual College Goals

The Annual College Goals and key initiatives were attached to the agenda for everyone to read.

Community Garden

Kevin Edwardson, RRCC Grounds Supervisor, has had a student express interest in the possibility of a Red Rocks Community Garden, but the concern is the upkeep. A club would have to be formed with a sponsor before we could formally under take this project. However, Kevin is working on a small garden area of his own. This would be an opportunity for Classified to volunteer to help maintain the garden, maybe weed at lunch once a week on the Lakewood campus. If interested, please Yvonne or Kevin for more information.

Sand Castles Event

Yvonne found out that volunteers for this competition will need to use leave time to participate on Friday afternoon (half day) June 21st, then your own time on Saturday, the 22nd.

Classified website

Yvonne has updated the Classified webpage on the RRCC site. Some more updating of forms and policies may need to be done. It is a work in progress. Minutes can be found on the website, so we no longer email minutes.

Admin-TechPro/Classified meeting

There was a short discussion of having the first Admin-TechPro meeting be more of an informal get together to encourage future quarterly meetings. We need an objective for the meeting and an agenda.

Statement of responsibilities, release time and elections

Several meetings with Michele Haney and Bill Dial have been held to create discussion regarding faculty having release time for meetings, but classified and Admin/Tech-Pro do not. It was encouraged that we create a "Statement of Responsibilities" to better identify the time commitment represented for the President and President-Elect. This would allow for the classified representatives to be supported from the top down for getting involved. There can be no payment for serving, but a professional development grant is possible for president and president elect each year. There has to be support for people to serve. More detailed information on the grant will be available shortly.

We need to elect a president elect. Yvonne asked if we should wait until June for voting, because it is already May and we are not ready.

Vote: Mary motioned to wait until June, Sheryl seconded, all said aye.

Yvonne motioned to close the meeting. Possible next meeting to be held in June in Arvada.