

4CS - Classified Senates Fundraising Survey




4CS - California Community Colleges Classified Senate Survey: Fundraising Ideas to Support Classified Staff Governance Activities First, thank you to all of you who participated in our earlier survey on encouraging participation. We received some great information that will be shared with you on the 4CS Website, by the end of the month or before. Introductory Statement and Question: Again, this year, California is financially "challenged" and funding levels for the California Community Colleges have been reduced even more. This is a time when districts and their colleges must bring together all of their human resources to find reasonable local solutions to the many financial issues facing us. There is a strong need for classified to remain involved in local and statewide community college governance, especially as we work to accomplish our mission. Classified senates, as a member of local governance structures, are a positive force in finding creative and effective governance solutions, helping to maintain the health and culture of our colleges, supporting the professional involvement of classified staff in decision-making processes, and promoting a supportive environment for student learning and success. Senates across the state are involved and sponsor community improvement projects, classified retreats, recognition awards, professional development training and many other activities, which may need "dollars" to accomplish. In addition to the many hours of volunteer work, senates that have regularly received some district funding to assist them in carrying out their responsibilities may find themselves facing "cuts" in funding and a lack of volunteers. When districts are making broad funding reduction decisions, our classified governance bodies (local classified senates, councils associations, and others) may need to do more, with less. For example, funds for travel and conference maybe cut at some colleges, making it more difficult to send classified staff and senate members to the Classified Leadership Institute, provided by 4CS and CCLC, this June. In the past, some senates have used fundraising events and activities to send their members to this conference. For others, this may be the first year that they need to raise funds for local senate activities and to send members to the conference. At this time, we are asking you to share any and all ideas or practices that senates can use to "earn" funds. Please respond to this "question" with any ideas for fundraising; especially successful efforts that you have used in the past or that are likely to be successful. Please provide enough details to be helpful to other classified senates in need of financial support. With your help, we can collect and share fundraising ideas across the state, senate to senate. We will collect the ideas and post them on the California Community Colleges Classified Senate (4CS) website for all to benefit. If you know of any links to other sites with great ideas, please send them along also. It is our goal to collect and post the best ideas we receive on to the 4CS website by the end of the month. The more ideas you can send, the more we will have to share. We hope that you will all benefit from sharing these fundraising ideas. Thank you for your time to respond to this "call" for information. We appreciate your efforts and the time it takes to do so. Thank you for your time and assistance, in advance. Jim Wilson (Fundraising Chair, 4CS) In the box below, please submit your ideas and comments. You may find it easier to first write your response in using your word processor software, and then copy and paste it into the box, rather than typing it directly (depending on the length of your response).

		Response Count
		7
	<i>answered question</i>	7
	<i>skipped question</i>	6

Response Text		
1	We've had BBQ's (2) to support scholarships here at Chaffey College. These were fun because we got to get together between semesters, enjoy each others company, brainstorm, and just have fun through a lunch hour (or two).	Sep 11, 2009 1:45 AM


Response Text		
2	See's Candy Fund Raising Program for Holidays gift boxes, Candy sales in different areas throughout our campus (bought at Costco), Candy Grams.	Sep 11, 2009 3:49 PM
3	Wrapping Presents (Christmas: Barnes & Noble, Tower, Borders) Casino Night T-shirts/Italian Charms/Logo Items:Mugs, Pins, Cushions Vending Machines Magazines/Books/Cookbooks Garage Sale (in campus parking lot or off site) Beanie Babies/Stuffed Animals/Toys Skratchers Candles Food: Candy/Cookies/Pizza/Popcorn/Jerky/Hometown Buffet Flowers-Bulbs Graduation: Flowers, Water, Cards, Balloons Campus Events: Crafts Fairs, Welcome Days, etc. Websites: FundRaising.com, Fundraisers.com, gourmentfundraising.com	Sep 11, 2009 3:52 PM
4	1) We do occasional chance drawings for baskets, prizes, etc. that are contributed by staff 2) our big fund-raiser of the year is a silent auction held at our Holiday Luncheon for the campus. Prizes are donated by faculty and staff.	Sep 11, 2009 3:53 PM
5	We do scholarship fundraisers by sponsoring pizza lunches, cinco de mayo lunch, holiday lunch. We also sponsor a chili cookoff each year.	Sep 11, 2009 4:35 PM
6	Here are a few of the fundraising activities we have: While the cafeteria is closed due to no classes going on we have a BBQ and sale items. This past August we made of profit of about \$600.00. Next we sale items from the concession stands during graduation. Lately, we have large holiday luncheon at a very low cost and charge each person plus have an opportunity drawing.	Sep 16, 2009 6:07 PM
7	At City College of San Francisco, we have had success with our different fundraising projects. We have collected recipes for our cookbook which we then sold, we have sold See's candy, last year we sold Cookie Dough and that was a great profit for us and we are still being asked "when are we selling the cookie dough again?" (maybe this year). One year we had a "garage sale" (don't know how profitable that was) but was fun but a lot of work. What I have notice with fundraising you need to first start off with a firm committment from the group so that the efforts are shared. Enroll salesperson to be on the team. Have FUN and this becomes a WIN / WIN .	Sep 17, 2009 4:51 PM

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In past recent years (mostly), has your senate (governance council or association, etc.) regularly received an operating budget (dollars) from your district's general fund? If so, do you anticipate a significant increase, reduction or elimination of your budget this year?				
			Response Percent	Response Count
Our senate has not received district general funds to operate in the past and is not likely to be funded for this year.			33.3%	4
Our senate has not received district funding in the past, yet is anticipating district funding for the first time this year.			0.0%	0
Our senate has received district funds in the past and does not anticipate any reductions in funding for this year.			16.7%	2
Our senate has received district funds and does anticipate (or has already experienced) a significant reduction in funding for this year.			50.0%	6
Our senate has received district funds and has lost all district funding for this year.			0.0%	0
			Additional Comments?	3
			answered question	12
			skipped question	1

Additional Comments?		
1	We only have fund raising as income.	Sep 11, 2009 3:49 PM
2	We conduct various fundraising actions	Sep 11, 2009 4:23 PM
3	However, only a 5% reduction (not significant enough)	Sep 17, 2009 10:38 PM

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Do you anticipate that our efforts to collect and share fundraising ideas on the 4CS website be of use to your senate?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		100.0%	12
No		0.0%	0
Comments?			3
answered question			12
skipped question			1





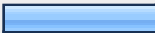
Comments?		
1	Unsure since it has been too early in our year to fully evaluate funding cuts.	Sep 11, 2009 2:10 AM
2	looking for new ideas	Sep 11, 2009 4:35 PM
3	I think any idea's will be good for all.	Sep 16, 2009 6:07 PM

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Given that 4CS operates on volunteer contributions (supporting memberships and donations) and is not state funded, is there any specific assistance that 4CS should be considering to support senates in addition to sharing fundraising information?		
		Response Count
		6
	<i>answered question</i>	6
	<i>skipped question</i>	7

Response Text		
1	Perhaps a rotation of visits to all colleges within a district to be inclusive, positive, and supportive for the colleges.	Sep 11, 2009 1:45 AM
2	Consider offering workshops through videoconferencing at various college sites.	Sep 11, 2009 2:10 AM
3	Grant Information for Classified Senates	Sep 11, 2009 3:52 PM
4	Making sure events are in both the north and south so that that extra expense of traveling is not always on the south.	Sep 16, 2009 6:07 PM
5	I have attended CLI in the past and felt that it was very good source of information but coming back to the college was a reality check and could not get anyone to see the value. How I believe 4CS could help would be to put ths information in a newsletter for us to share and for more then thoes who attend to know what was presented. Having more people involved helps to create excitement.	Sep 17, 2009 4:51 PM
6	unknown	Sep 17, 2009 10:38 PM

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Have classified staff at your college attended the Classified Leadership Institute (CLI) in the past? And, although much may change as you progress through this year, at this time does your senate and classified staff anticipate sending and attending the Classified Leadership Institute, again, this June?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
No, we have never sent anyone to the CLI conference in June.		0.0%	0
Yes, we have sent classified staff to CLI and anticipate doing so, again, this year (using district funding).		30.8%	4
Yes, we have sent classified staff to CLI and anticipate doing so, again, this year (using senate fundraising activities, as usual).		7.7%	1
Yes, we have sent classified staff to CLI, but will need to work harder this year to do so, significantly increasing our fundraising efforts.		23.1%	3
Yes, we have sent classified Staff to CLI, but do not anticipate being able to do so this year (by any method).		15.4%	2
Really, too soon to predict what will happen.		23.1%	3
	Comments?		3
	answered question		13
	skipped question		0

Comments?		
1	I know that Chaffey College will be sending only two classified members in 2010.	Sep 11, 2009 1:45 AM
2	We usually request and receive Staff Development Funds to fund this trip.	Sep 11, 2009 3:49 PM
3	our participation will be limited this year due to reduced budget	Sep 11, 2009 3:52 PM

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Do you know of any vendors, businesses or organizations that we should contact to support and donate to 4CS and/or the Classified Leadership Institute conference this June? If so, please include whatever suggestions (company name and contact information) that you can. Thank you.		
		Response Count
		5
	<i>answered question</i>	5
	<i>skipped question</i>	8

Response Text		
1	Has 4CS ever considered contacting non-profit organizations (i.e., Breast Cancer Awareness, MS Society, etc.)? Perhaps they would like a booth, or make a donation in order to have their brochure provided to the attendees at CLI.	Sep 11, 2009 1:45 AM
2	support from ACCA, GEOCCC, CCCT,	Sep 11, 2009 3:52 PM
3	n/a	Sep 11, 2009 4:35 PM
4	You could always try Microsoft or Apple since they supply computer to a lot of schools.	Sep 16, 2009 6:07 PM
5	If you haven't done so already, any Higher Ed orgs such as NASPA	Sep 17, 2009 10:38 PM

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<p>Do you have any other comments, ideas, or suggestions that you would like to add? Any ideas for joint fundraising efforts between your senate and 4CS? Any other information that would be helpful to share between senates? (if you need a direct response from 4CS to your senate, please email us directly.) Thank you for taking this survey and sharing information with other senates.</p>		
		Response Count
		8
	<i>answered question</i>	8
	<i>skipped question</i>	5

Response Text		
1	What a treat it would be to have members of 4CS at our college assisting with any fundraising.	Sep 11, 2009 1:45 AM
2	Consider ways of reducing conference cost - moving CLI north and south in alternating years.	Sep 11, 2009 2:10 AM
3	if 4CS has fundraising items to sell maybe there could be a partnership with campus Senates to help sell them or a discount for purchasing large quantities (example: SCC purchased planners/calendars with 4CS one year which made the purchase cheaper because the quantity was higher = cheaper rate	Sep 11, 2009 3:52 PM
4	Some of our senate members plan to attend a series of fundraising workshops at the SAN FRANCISCO FUNDRAISING SUMMIT, October 27 & 28, 2009. Here's the link: http://cfnps.org/sanfrancisco2009.aspx	Sep 11, 2009 4:23 PM
5	too many don't know about the 4CS to commit to a joint fundraiser. It's hard to get them to understand the local senate structure	Sep 11, 2009 4:35 PM
6	N/A	Sep 16, 2009 6:07 PM
7	Tell us were to find the information which is being shared.	Sep 17, 2009 4:51 PM
8	None at this time	Sep 17, 2009 10:38 PM