The deadline for applying to run for a position on the Classified Staff Council is April 8. The Classified Staff Council is the organization that in the future will represent all classified Maricopa employees. With this date quickly approaching, NOW is the time for employees with an interest in running for the council to take the important first step and sign up!

How do you sign up?

- Complete the Classified Staff Council tutorial
- Complete and submit the Nomination form by April 8, 2016.

Employees interested in running must read the information in the Canvas course, available HERE.

Sign up now was the advice given by Eddie Genna, Associate Vice Chancellor for Public Affairs and Collaborative Governance and a key player in the District’s conversion from five non-faculty employee groups to a single Classified Staff Council (CSC).

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The deadline for signing up to run for one of the 33 available Council positions is April 8. Three
representatives will be elected to represent each of the 10 colleges and the District Office. Once you sign up to run, your supervisor will be asked for approval. Probationary employees and those in the process of disciplinary action are not eligible to run.

Almost 100 employees already have enrolled in the Canvas class that provides them with information on the CSC and the upcoming election. That does not mean that all of them will choose to run for a council seat, Genna said, but it is an encouraging start.

Getting in on the CSC’s ground floor has important implications both for those who will serve on the Council and for all Maricopa. “This is the Number One most important opportunity employees will have,” Genna said. “The first Council will have the largest impact on how the Classified Staff Council will operate and how its ability to faithfully represent a unified employee voice will shape up.”

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“It’s good for your professional development and increases your ability to take a systems perspective in the complex environment of higher education,” he continued. “It truly is an opportunity to do well and do good.”

More news on the CSC and elections may be found on the CSC page at hr.maricopa.edu/one-maricopa-workforce/classified-staff-council-elections.