



Faculty Senate

FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES

Nov. 13, 2020

Faculty Senate Chair:
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Matt Leathen

Administrative Faculty Committee Chair
Ashlyn Moreno

Library Committee Chair
Rob Lively

Part-Time Faculty Committee Chair
Edwin Lyngar

Recognition & Activities Committee Chair
Lauren Gatto

WebCollege Faculty Advisory Committee
Chair **Dan Hooper**

Senators At-Large:



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NFA Report – Cheryl Cardoza

Cheryl Cardoza, President of the Nevada Faculty Alliance (NFA) provided her report. The NFA is an affiliate of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) and negotiates the contract for all members of the faculty. The officers this year are Amy Cavanaugh, Vice President; Ted Owens, Secretary; and Blisin Hestiyas, Treasurer. The priorities of the NFA are transparency, establishing a positive image, monitoring workload issues, encouraging more part-time faculty representation, and to encourage pedagogical discussions for all types of teaching. TMCC's NFA Chapter also works with the state NFA for items such as political endorsements and to strengthen connections with other NSHE institutions. The TMC NFA will have a newsletter as well. Current projects include Department Chair training on the NFA Contract, NFA Bylaw revisions, updating the NFA website, and to increase membership. The first membership meeting is December 4 via Zoom.

Questions and suggestions received were what the cost for part-time faculty to join and if there were part-time faculty NFA members. The cost for part-time faculty is \$64 per year and Cheryl confirmed there are NFA members who are part-time faculty.



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- **Learning Commons Committee – Rob Lively**
The committee met on Nov. 5 and reviewed the most recent virtual panel. There were 50 attendees and the panel went well. The committee will host the following panels in the Spring: Electoral College, Roaring 20's, and Earth Day. The next meeting is February 4, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. via Zoom.
- **Salary, Benefits and Budget Committee – Matt Leathen**
The committee met October 23 and reviewed recommendations to the budget. Jim New, VPFA has been invited to the next meeting to discuss the budget process and zero-based scheduling. The next meeting is November 20 at noon via Zoom.
- **Part-Time Faculty Committee – Edwin Lyngar**
The next meeting of the Part-Time Faculty Committee is December 4 at 10 a.m. The next Coffee and Conversation gathering is November 20 at 10 a.m. The committee continues to work to improve conditions for part-time faculty. The committee is working with Institutional Research to update the part-time faculty measurement tool. The last one was done 14 years ago.
- **Professional Standards – Melanie Purdy**
The committee last met October 23 and covered updates to forms. The committee will continue to review forms. A tips and tricks sheet is coming to give faculty ideas on how to get more student evaluations completed. The committee will also look at starting a WebLive document to collect best practices that could be shared campus-wide. The next meeting is November 20 at 10 a.m.
- **Recognition and Activities – Lauren Gatto**
Lauren thanked everyone for submitting and voting for People, Pets, and Pumpkins. The Career Champions nominations are now open for students to nominate until November 21. The announcement is located in Canvas. The committee is working on a 12 Days of Recipes for December. The committee next meets December 1 at 2 p.m.
- **WebCollege Faculty Advisory Committee – Dan Hooper**
The committee met this morning and bring an action item to Senate today: Online Standard 2.3 with an amendment not to include the red strikethrough.

Amended Motion

Chair Allen called for a motion to approve the WebCollege Online Standard 2.3 as amended not to include the red strikethrough: ~~"This also guides TMCC policies for non-attendance."~~

Motion Proposed by: Senator Jinger Doe

Motion Seconded by: Senator Eric Bullis

To approve the motion as amended: *"2.3 Due to financial aid regulations course must have a substantive assignment due the first week of class. This can be an introduction discussion, syllabus quiz, a submitted assignment, or live session through a web conferencing system."* The motion passed with 27 ayes and 1 nay.

Original Motion out of committee

The original motion passed with 22 ayes, 1 abstention, and 1 nay.

The discussion on this motion and amendment circled around this applying only financial aid recipients. It was noted TMCC also receives federal funding for following financial aid requirements.

The committee also discussed visual design features in Canvas which are housed under faculty resources. Chair Hooper also requested to send him any recommendations or suggestions for effective synchronous classes. The committee also pondered a request from the TMCC corequisite task force to change the Are You Ready for an Online Class quiz to differentiate between WebLive and online. Changes will be coming soon. The committee is also looking for a new chair for Fall 2021. Dan will have served two terms as chair.

- **Student Government Association (b7(a)(k1 (w)1)(k4.)1Q)JJCglitied3 (ciill h)-1 (a)(a)-4tuMJJCgg**



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Old Business

Open Meeting Resolution: Senator Ben Scheible created a resolution to state Faculty Senate meetings are open meetings and the Executive Board does not have the authority to ask administration to leave the meetings. Senator Scheible also noted the Senate body was not consulted in the past. Senator Scheible suggested a bylaw change.

Chair Allen opened the floor for discussion. A Senator disagreed with the resolution as asking is not the same as throwing people out of meetings. It is appropriate for the Senate, at times, to ask the President not to attend during some

