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**Faculty Senate**

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# FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES

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Feb. 12, 2021

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Faculty Senate Chair:  
**YeVonne Allen**

Faculty Senate Chair-Elect:  
**Virginia Irintcheva**

Executive Committee member,  
Academic Standards and Assessment  
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comprehensive community college. Resolutions from Faculty Senate containing faculty perspectives are impactful to legislators when making decisions.

The Senate Council of Chairs is also following discussions concerning wording in the budget that does not allow state appropriations to be used for Performance Pay / Merit. The effective date of FY2227 -2.85( /)6.7 allow ( )7 ( is)i (e)2 ()7 5r.7 (Y

Questions and suggestions circled around when should instructors resubmit their schedules for Fall, communicating information directly to faculty, and PPE Requirements. VPAA Murgolo advised to wait until the summit has occurred and communication is sent to the instructors. The PPE requirements will still include masks, cleaning, and washing hands.

## Budget Update – Elise Bunkowski

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Elyse reviewed the shortfalls for each year and how the CARES Act dollars were spent. In FY 21 there is a \$7.5M reduction and a registration shortfall of \$2M. The CARES Act Dollars in round one were \$1.7M and in round 2 were \$6.1M. Round 2 CARES dollars can be used for budgetary holes. Round 1 CARES dollars could not be used for budget shortfalls. There was a \$338K shortfall.

In FY 22-23 there is a 12% reduction of \$4.5M. The estimated registration shortfall is \$900K. NSHE funds received were \$282,352.

In FY 23 the shortfall will be \$2,499,904.06.

Questions Elyse received were whether there will be more buyouts, more CARES funds forthcoming, any mining tax revenue, and a request for an update from Student Services.

- **Curriculum Review Committee – Katie Kolbet**

The committee met February 5. No more changes will be accepted for the catalog for the coming academic year. Today is the final day to initiate workflow for the next committee meeting. The next meeting is March 5.

- **Learning Commons Committee – Rob Lively**

The committee met Feb. 4. Chair Rob Lively took a moment to recognize Neil Siegel's service to TMCC and the Learning Commons and wished him well in retirement. Rob's term as chair will be finished at the end of the Spring term. Please contact Rob Lively or Senate Chair Allen if you are interested in serving as chair. On February 25 from 2-3:30 p.m. the Learning Commons Committee and Political Science Club are hosting a panel on the Electoral College with many fine speakers. On March 25, the Learning Commons will host a Roaring 20's panel. Rob reminded the Senate the librarians are available to join zoom classes to discuss Learning Commons resources and remote tutoring is available. The librarians are also able to scan text to faculty and students. Tutors are needed, please refer any qualified students to Brandy Scarnati or have them fill out the form found online. The next meeting of the Library Committee is March 4, 2021.

- **Part-Time Faculty Committee – Edwin Lyngar**

The committee met prior to today's Senate meeting. The survey for Part-Time Faculty closes at the end of business today. The results of the survey will be discussed at the next Coffee Klatch. The discussion groups at the Part-Time Faculty Open House were very popular and a lot of input was collected including the popularity of the longevity program. The next meeting is March 12, 2021.

- **Professional Standards – Melanie Purdy**

The committee did not meet in February, no report was given.

- **Recognition and Activities – Erin Frock and Sidney Sullivan**

Sidney Sullivan provided today's report. The Distinguished Faculty Award nominations close today at 5 p.m. Please send any nominations to Olga Katkova. Danielle Harris was recognized as Professional of the Month in December. January's Professional of the Month will be awarded next week. The committee will also continue with the Career Champions and nominations will be solicited soon. The committee next meets on March 2 at 2 p.m.

- **Salary, Benefits and Budget Committee – Matt Leathen**

Matt Leathen reported he was reelected as chair. The committee reviewed legislative information and a PEBP Resolution was drafted and approved in committee. The next meeting is 9-11 a.m. on Feb. 26, 2021.

A motion was brought forward to the Senate to approve the Resolution on P EBP Benefi98 ( )JTJ 0- nnaaP( R)7.7 (ee 1a2w)8.6

## New Business

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### **Agenda Item 11A Bylaw Revision Pronouns – first read**

Senate Chair YeVonne Allen and Senator Scheible introduced a Senate Bylaw revision where gender is stated as “his/her” be changed to “their.” The purpose is to eliminate gender bias for non-binary individuals.

A suggestion was made to match the verbs to plural pronouns. Chair Allen asked if there was any other input, to please contact her or Senator Scheible.

### **Adjourn**

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