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Faculty Senate

FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES

Mar. 12, 2021

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Heidi Himler
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Sam Byington
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NSHE Board of Regents Update (BOR) : The BOR met on Mar. 4 -5, 2021 and the TMCC Strategic Master Plan changes were approved. Chancellor Rose shared with the Senate Council of Chairs that the NSHE code language for the performance pay merit pool will likely be on the agenda for the June BOR Meeting and upon approval would be implemented in FY 24. A salary study is slated for October. The NSHE Cultural Diversity Committee, Chancellor, and the Board of Regents have voted in favor to support the National Association of System Heads (NASH) Equity Action Framework. The next adhoc Fiscal Sustainability Committee Meeting will be on March 18 with a focus on NSHE sponsored programs and ways to centralize and share services.

Campus Updates: Commencement is required for academic faculty and volunteers are needed. The Faculty Senate Office is facilitating a performance survey March 11 -31 on the VPSD and other administrators who supervise academic faculty. The incoming VPAA, Dr. Jeffery Alexander, will receive feedback at the end of year 1. His first day is June 1, 2021. Dr. Melissa Deadmond will serve as interim VPAA from April 2 thru the end of May. Dr. Murgolo's last day is April 2.

COVID -19 Update: Washoe County is still working through the prior is005 6Se4 (is9.0d (31)Tj -7 (c)3 (P)2(r)-0.7 a(t)-2 (t)P)2 (S)3 (D)n4 (s)

Legislative Update – AVP Elena Bubnova

Associate Vice President Elena Bubnova gave an overview of the 2021 legislative session which is virtual this year. The priorities for NSHE are the budget, financial aid, compensation, PEBP benefits, and community college governance. Some of the items AVP Bubnova highlighted were the 12% budget cut, PEBP restoration of long-term disability, and a few of the 200+ bills being tracked by NSHE. Individual advocacy is welcomed and AVP Bubnova encourages anyone who might want seek advice to reach out to her or Senate Chair YeVonne Allen. The next budget hearing is March 17. More communication will be forthcoming via townhalls, open meetings at TMCC, and weekly meetings with Senate and SGA leadership as the legislative session progresses.

Approval of the February 12, 2021 Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes for February 12, 2021

Movant : Senator Amy Cavanaugh

Second: Senator Karen Wikander

Vote: Motion passed with 23 ayes.

Consent Agenda

Motion: To approve the March 12, 2021 Consent Agenda. <</MCID 4 >>BDC 0 -1.25 T46

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Courses in Advance and bring this topic to Senate today for a discussion. The committee also discussed enrollment caps. Please step forward if you are interested in being a chair for this committee. The next meeting of the committee is April 9, 2021.

Chair Allen provided a brief history of the resolution and opened the floor for discussion. The resolution originated with the WebCollege Faculty Advisory Committee and was assigned to Professional Standards for a wider scope. WebCollege Faculty Advisory Committee Chair Dan Hooper said his committee discussed the resolution again today in their meeting and asked for a second chance to continue reviewing the resolution.

- Recognition and Activities –

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