



Faculty Senate

FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES

February 11, 2022

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TMCC Updates: Attended State NFA Retreat to discuss ways to identify, collaborate, and advocate for faculty issues. There will be a biannual meeting.

Virginia met with Elise Bunkowski and received a budget update: as of January 20, we have a budget deficit of L6 (a)0.7 (b)P7--

Competition for students is growing. Increased competition for students among NSHE institutions is happening, and there is emerging corporate competition that we should keep an eye on too, such as Facebook's "Meta University."

Some NSHE institutions are using a concurrent enrollment model for dual enrollment which employs high school teachers with no Master's Degree in a specific discipline. TMCC will continue to protest this situation and honor the Dual Enrollment Resolution passed by Faculty Senate. Dr. Hilgersom asks the Faculty Senate to reach out to university faculty partners to get their thoughts and support for the dual enrollment model.

The tenure track faculty submitted fantastic portfolios and Dr. Hilgersom looks forward to their tenure being granted at the March Board of Regents meeting.

Dr. Hilgersom attended the ACCT National Legislative Summit in Washington, D.C. along with several of the Regents and the Chancellor. They were able to advocate with Nevada's Legislators and connect to Federal Legislation.

Topics discussed included expansion of the PELL Grant and free Community College.

Dr. Hilgersom also reported TMCC's SGA President, Darian Richards, attended and did a wonderful job. Earmarks are back and TMCC hopes to receive funding for the Redfield Health Science Center expansion.

Administrative Report – Dr. Jeffrey Alexander, Vice President of Academic Affairs

Dr. Alexander will continue to advocate for the Dual Enrollment model and establishing a workforce fund through the AB450 Committee.

There are two new programs: Bachelor of Architecture and AS in Data Science. These programs are headed to the March Board of Regents.

Open Educational Resources (OER) are being used by faculty members. OER is not required. Additional assignments are available in Summer if any faculty are interested. Reference librarians can assist faculty with OER materials. Using OER materials could also help decrease the costs of attending school for students.

The Learning Commons has some announcements: Virtual reality headsets are available in the library, the Tutoring Center is open, and instructors are welcome to hold their office hours in the Tutoring Center.

The Outside Compensation Policy is in the [BOR Handbook 4.3.9](#) and HR are developing an online reporting form.

The Planning Council subcommittees need members for the Technology Committee and the Enrollment Management Committee.

Merit Pay Task Force Update – Ron Marston

Ron provided a summary of the taskforce's work, the membership, taskforce minutes are available upon request. The next meeting is Thursday. This year, there are no substantive changes to the existing policy or scoring. Next year (22-23), discussions have started concerning the process and scoring. The Ideas will flow through the Merit Pay Taskforce, head to

The Budget Transparency Resolution was passed by the Salary, Benefits and Budget Committee and is brought to the Faculty Senate today. The motion passed with 26 ayes.

WebCollege Faculty Advisory Committee –
The committee met prior to today

James Kuzhippala