



Faculty Senate

FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES

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Budget Concerns: Faculty Senate Leadership and the Nevada Faculty Alliance provided feedback to the President concerning how much of the contingency reserve they would be comfortable using in a worst-case scenario. Input received from each constituency were the use of \$5 M of contingency reserve to cover budget gaps due to enrollment declines, a reconvening of the Budget Reduction Taskforce, considering a pause on new projects, and exploring other avenues of savings if needed. The President has created the Budget Planning and Legislative Action Committee which will replace and expanding on the work of the Budget Reduction Taskforce. The committee will begin to meet in November and a faculty member is wanted for the committee membership. Please contact Amy if you would like to join.

Equity Study: The RFP has been drafted for the equity study and are hopeful to have the study begun by November 2022.

TMCC List Serves: The broad use list servs are now set t4 (a)5 (f).187 0 Td[br]4.4eegunr a t-9-1 (a)-ek

Workforce Investment and Economic Development Fund: Capacity enhancement dollars are sunsetting. The AB450 Committee, NSHE, the Regents and the Presidents support a Workforce Investment and Economic Development Fund to replace Capacity Enhancement dollars. TMCC's share would be \$2.2 M annually.

Full restoration of the pre-Covid base: This is another request from NSHE. TMCC would experience an \$810,000 potential cut annually, if not reinstated.

Dr. Hilgersom discussed ways to respond. There are three faculty seats on the Budget Planning Taskforce available. Senate might consider a Faculty Senate Adhoc Committee to advocate at the Legislature. If these requests do not get funded position vacancies would remain, TMCC may need to dip into reserves, and would have a hard time fund (ed)JWavlg or N6v20.0

- NWCCU Standards
<https://nwccu.org/accreditation/standards-policies/standards/>

The accreditation site visit will be October 12-14, 2022. This is a 7-year cycle which ends with the accreditor's visit and reaffirmation. The final accreditation report is now being reviewed by the accreditors. Accreditation provides TMCC general assurance of quality to students, allows TMCC Title IV eligibility to grant federal financial aid, provides continuous improvement of the institution, and a positive public perception. Melissa is working with the accreditors to set the interview schedule which will be finalized in the next couple of weeks. The accreditors will hold forums for faculty, staff, and students. Campus constituency groups will also meet with the accreditors. Dr. Hilgersom has invited everyone who wishes to attend to the exit meeting. Chair-elect Rick Bullis suggested a one-page sheet with our missions and values for faculty and staff to keep handy. The Marketing and Communications Office are working on a document in preparation for the accreditors visit.

Emeritus Process

Past Chair Virginia Irintcheva provided an update on the Emeritus Process. An Emeritus Verification Form, issued by Human

New Business

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