

Office of the President, September 25, 2020
Truckee Meadows Community College
9:00 am to Noon
Via Zoom

1. Roll Call:

Chair BJ North, Vice Chair Nancy McCormick IAC Members: Sesh Commuri, John Thurman, Mindy Lokshin, Steve Reid.

Guests: Chancellor Melody Rose, Assistant Vice Chancellor Craig von Collenberg, Former IAC Council Member Collie Hutter

Ex Officio: Sarah Gill, Classified Council Vice President; Alyssa Fromelius, Student Government Association (SGA) President; YeVonne Allen, Faculty Senate Chair, Amy Cavanaugh, Nevada Faculty Alliance Representative

Administrators/Faculty/Staff:

TMCC is making it a goal to not lay off any full-time employees or cut programs, but that will depend on how the budget looks after the next legislative session.

NSHE also approved the addition of a small fee for students to help offset budget reductions. Dr. Hilgersom reviewed TMCC's legislative priorities to include caseload growth and capacity enhancement.

4b) TRIO Grant

President Hilgersom was happy to share the news that TMCC was the recipient of a TRIO grant from the department of Education. These are highly competitive grants. TMCC will be using the funding to provide additional wrap around services for students.

4c) Update on NSHE Community College Charge

President Hilgersom thanked Chair North for attending the recent Board of Regents Community College Committee meeting. A part of that meeting included discussion on revising the Community College Committee charge to better serve the colleges and help provide resources and representation within NSHE. It was suggested that increased interaction between the Regents and the IACs be added to the Community College Committee charge. Dr. Hilgersom asked that any feedback or suggestions should be relayed to Chair North who will report back to the Regents.

4d) Update on NSHE Institutional Advisory Council Charge

At the last meeting Vice Chancellor Nate Mackinnon listened to the IAC's input and suggested revisions for the IAC charge. Vice Chancellor Mackinnon has gathered input from all the IACs and will hopefully have an update on the revision process at the next IAC meeting in November.

In closing, President Hilgersom said TMCC has gotten off to a good start, but there have been struggles. Dr. Hilgersom said that there's a student survey open right now to hear back from students about their experiences with the shift to online learning and how COVID-19 is impacting their education. The data will be used to brainstorm and find solutions to assist students with obstacles and challenges in time for the Spring semester.

5) Update

5a. Vice Chancellor of Community Colleges Update

Assistant Vice Chancellor of Community Colleges Craig von Collenberg provided a report on behalf of Vice Chancellor Nate Mackinnon. Assistant Vice Chancellor von Collenberg introduced himself and provided some highlights from his

President Hilgersom asked for more input related to the lower rating for innovation, as she too sees some struggles for the college in that area. It's great to come up with good ideas, but sometimes it's difficult to implement either due to lack of engagement or resources.

Council Member Lokshin asked if a member of the IAC participating in the SMP process. Dr. Deadmond said at this time, this was the only format, but she would welcome participation going forward. Vice -Chair McCormick understood that innovation is sometimes difficult under the structure and organization of the college as it may take longer to acquire resources based on how the college is funded. She thought the college had opportunities to not only educate the current workforce but also prepare students for careers in technology and industries that will need workers in the future in order to stay competitive worldwide. She encouraged better partnerships with businesses to gain more hands-on experience for students, and work hand in hand to identify business needs and build certificate or degree programs around those needed skills.

Council Member Commuri saw many instances where innovation was needed in the areas of healthcare. He would like to see TMCC take it to the next level, the mission statement should reflect that TMCC wants to be the college for an

Discussion followed about how to align the goals of the three agencies, NWCCU, NSHE, and TMCC, and how to accurately measure the success related to those goals. There was consensus that the current metrics were not designed to measure the unique role of community colleges, whose missions are very different from the four-year universities. NSHE could possibly revise to include data points that reflect workforce training.

More discussion followed about innovation and how faculty could feel disincentive, particularly those in the tenure process, to try new things.

10. Public Comment

Chair North opened the floor to public comment. There was n one.

11. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:48 am.

Approved by on November 6, 2020 by a vote of 8-0- 2 Council Members North and Commuri absent.

