

MEETING MINUTES - MAY 8, 2023

In Attendance: President Hilgersom, Melissa Olsen, Devin Reese, Dr. Jeffrey Alexander, Estella Levario Gutierrez, Thomas Hearn, Melissa Deadmond, Elena Bubnova, Crista Jorgensen, Juana Reynoza-Gomez, Ayo Akinola, Geoff Hawkins, Cheryl Jones, Tina May, Dr. Amy Cavanaugh, Yvonne Allen, Kim Stedebaker, Kofi Okunribido, Daniel Rassel, Andrew Fisher, Cedric Williams, Nicole Stuard, Chaikan Baha

President Update and Recognition – Dr. Karin Hilgersom

President Hilgersom would like for staff and faculty to advocate to Nevada Legislative officials in favor of fully funded, or at a minimum, 80% COLAs. Additionally, she thanked all staff and faculty for participating in the 2022-2023 planning council and is very appreciative of their service.

ADA Committee Update – Thomas Kearns

Thomas did his yearly report where he explored the five goals they have set in the ADA Committee. He was happy to report that the team has been meeting and exceeding goals. Please see attachment for more information. This is the last planning council meeting Thomas will be attending as he steps down from the committee.

Online Access Policy – Dr. Amy Cavanaugh

Dr. Amy Cavanaugh presented, for the first read, the Online Access Policy (OAP). Please see attachments below for full policy. Non-Planning Council member and NFA President, Jim New, was requested by a Planning Council member to provide the NFA perspective on the policy. After a lengthy discussion among Planning Council members it was determined that each constituent group will provide suggested revisions, and it will be revised and put fourth for a second read in Fall 2023.

Committee Updates

Diversity Committee – Juana Reynoza-Gomez

On May 2nd from 3-5pm, the Unity Celebration took place in Red Mountain, Student Center. Forty graduates were celebrated. It was a very successful event.

Dr. Michaela Rubalcava and Jamie Perez-Galvan will be the new 2023/24 Diversity Advocates.

There will be 3 potlucks this Wednesday, May 10, LGBTQ Friends and Allies, Men of Color, and Sustainability Committee. All are welcome to join.

SafeZone training is scheduled for May 21st.

The 5th Eco-blitz was held this past Friday. 108 people attended; 7 were faculty members. Will give a report around the animals and insects collected at the next Planning Council meeting in Fall.

In early June, three students will present in San Francisco at a conference for natural history museums.

A final survey will go out for the year of sustainability. Garnering feedback about reducing or banning the use of one-use plastics.

Enrollment Management Committee – Anne Flesher

Enrollment is 35% up, with new and continuing students being the highest enrolled. We are up about 11% in headcount and 7% in FTE. Financial Aid is working on summer disbursements and prepping for Fall. Awaiting the report from the secret shopper.

Facilities Committee – Dr. Ayo Akinola

Café Verde has received the KTMB Green award. The Health and Science expansion is expected to be completed by the end of May. Lighting has been improved in Sierra, but the Child Care lighting system will be replaced and is projected for completion by September. Red Mountain phase four heat pump replacement will be beginning in October. Ongoing conversations with NVEnergy continue on the Electric (EV) charging station allocation with TMCC.

Health and Wellness Committee – Geoffrey Hawkins

Washoe County District meeting on sexual health has been approved. Health and Wellness Day is being planned and more details will follow.

Student Government Association – Chanikan Buntha

Brayson Gomez will continue as Vice President of SGA. Iarely Luna will be continuing as Senator. Chanikan Buntha will be stepping down as SGA President to pursue her architecture degree at UNLV.

Classified Council – Tina May

Classified employee of the month will be Rachel Blackburn. Through May 22nd – May 26th, elections for the new board will occur. Symposium is being planned for next year.

Faculty Senate – Dr. Amy Cavanaugh, President

Have not had a Faculty Senate meeting since the last Planning Council and will reconvene on 5/12.

Agenda Items

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