



Truckee Meadows Community College

Faculty Senate Recognition and Activities Committee

MEETING MINUTES MAY. 5, 2020

BlueJeans Conferencing, 2-3 p.m.

Meeting called to order: 2:00 p.m.

In attendance: Cliff Bartl, Cathy Brewster, Erin Frock, Lauren Gatto (Chair), Elizabeth Humphrey, Donna Kamen, Sandra Martinez, Debi Pezzuto

Absent: Rebecca Eckland, Tommie Guy, Olga Katkova, Lori McDonald Sidney Sullivan

Approve April 7, 2020 meeting minutes

The minutes for April 7, 2020 were motioned and seconded by Sandra Martinez and Beth Humphrey respectively and approved unanimously by the committee.

Professional of the Month

There will be one more POM in May and will reconvene nominations starting Fall. Certificates from the President's office will be presented to recipients once we are allowed back to campus.

Going virtual! – Using BlueJeans and Zoom has been successful with limited hiccups. Zoom's waiting room feature provides a little more preparation for the group to get settled before the recipient arrives.

April & May - We celebrated Brandy Scarnati for April and will be working with the nominator for May to schedule a time to surprise them.

Career Champion Program

The committee has decided to move this initiative to Fall 2020 and plan to implement the same format by using CANVAS nomination forms.

Distinguished Faculty Awards

We were granted permission to award all 4 finalists (2 for Teaching and 2 for service) since we would not be able to accurately critic someone's abilities based on our current situation. These will be announced during the employee awards ceremony video on May 12 and again at commencement.

Until next time

For the 20-21 academic calendar year the committee will continue to meet the first Tuesday of each month from 2-3pm. Typically, the committee's first event is the Jenga tournament at the Fall kick off but with not knowing of the reopening timeline and guidelines we will hold off on planning anything. I will keep the committee updated with the event as we learn more and to prepare for the event to potentially be virtual or postponed.

Revisiting our WHY

The committee will address at the September meeting.

Other Business

An idea was presented about sending out something to TMCC about sharing appreciation to one another during this unprecedented time. A thoughtful and in-depth discussion among the committee members occurred which concluded with deciding to not send another email but to try to piggyback off of another email/newsletter/event. Also looking into digital thank you card since the templates online need to be printed.

2019-2020 Calendar of Events

- Jenga Tournament (Aug)
- Pumpkin Decorating (Oct)
- Night at the Theater (Nov)
- Holiday Party (Dec)
- Distinguished Faculty Awards (Mar, Apr, May)
- Night at the Theater (Apr)
- Professional of the Month (Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May)
- Random Acts of Recognition (ongoing)

Adjourn: 3:00 p.m.