TMCC
Truckee Meadows Community College

Faculty Senate WebCollege Faculty Advisory Committee

MEETING MINUTES SEPT. 16, 2022

11-12 p.m. via Zoom

Meeting called to order at: 11:00 a.m.

In attendance: Brian Addington, Lisa Buehler, Vanina Coudriet, Jencie Davies, Paul Davis, Candace Garlock, Robin Griffin, Blisin Hestiyas (Chair), Heidi Himler, Dan Hooper, Tim Ill, Lars Jensen, Sarah Krutz, James Kuzhippala, Rebecca McCleary, Ted Owens, Rebecca Porter, Craig Rodrigue, Brandy Scarnati, Phil Smilanick

Guests: Marynia Giren-Navarro

Approval of May 13, 2022 Minutes

The minutes for May 13, 2022 were approved by the committee.

WebCollege Update

Brandy reported she has one more position to fill in the WebCollege Department. Brandy also shared she is retiring at the end of October. She has been with TMCC 28 years. The committee thanked Brandy for her service and made sure she knew she will be missed.

Online Canvas I, II, III Workshops – Sarah Krutz

Sarah reported the online version of Canvas I, II, III is now available. It is currently formatted as a self-paced module. The training is available to both full and part-time faculty.

TMCC WCFAC Survey (Faculty Standards for Online Instruction) Survey Update

Blisin displayed the survey results. James noted the committee, last year, reviewed the results and began to focus on the standards. It was noted the online standards have been a good guide and best practices. Blisin asked the committee whether to call the standards "guidelines". The committee felt they should be called standards. There was a lot of discussion over the what is or isn't counted on the annual plan and whether we should use only one product (Quality Matters QM). Brandy noted QM is the recognized standard for online instruction. Many committee members noted they like the Quality Matters program. ACUE, another program that is well-liked at TMCC, also follows the QM standards. The suggestion to bring another alternative to the next meeting was not met with any enthusiasm. The committee expressed they have had continual discussion of the standards and would like move on to other topics and charges of the committee.

Lars Jensen moved and Paul Davis seconded to remove Faculty Standard for Online Instruction 1.3. The motion failed with 6 ayes, and 8 nays, and 1 abstention.

Recommendations for Technology/Resources to improve online class design and delivery

Blisin asked the committee what technology and resources they are using for their classes. Kahoot software and teaching squares were mentioned. Nancy offered to bring back her findings from participating in Teaching Squares in a month. James mentioned he has used Kahoot both in-person and synchronous learning, but not in asynchronous. He would be interested in seeing how it is used in asynchronous classroom settings by a TMCC instructor. Other software mentioned was pack back, pages, and modules. The committee expressed interest in exploring technology and resources others are using. Brandy suggested to create a Canvas course that could be used as a repository to showcase technologies others are using.

Rebecca McCleary moved and Lars Jensen seconded to extend the meeting five minutes. The committee approved the motion.

Faculty Online Mentorship – Marynia Giren-Navarro

Marynia joined today's meeting towards the end. Julie mentioned she mentored Vanina, learned a lot, and was able to see how Vanina set up her course. She recommends to look at others courses and how they set it up.

Marynia suggested to table this item and supervisor's visits to Canvas courses until the next meeting. She also noted the supervisors' visits are being discussed in the NFA Contract negotiations.

New Business

Blisin will add to the next meeting agenda for committee members to showcase a technology or resource they are using in their classroom.

Meeting adjourned: 12:09 p.m.

Next Meeting: October 7, 2022, 11-12 p.m., Online/SIER 117