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Truckee Meadows Community College

Faculty Senate WebCollege Faculty Advisory Committee

MEETING MINUTES FEB. 9, 2024

11-12 p.m. via Zoom

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

In attendance: Lisa Buehler, Elyssia Fraga, Robin Griffin, Blisin Hestiyas, Dan Hooper (Guest Chair), Beth Humphrey, Lars Jensen, Minsung Jung, James Kuzhippala, Julie Kauffman, Rebecca McCleary, Nancy O'Neal, Alex Orejel Oliva, Ted Owens, Rebecca Porter, Craig Rodrigue, Phil Smilanick, Corina Weidinger

Absent: Azu Alfaro, Frank Amankonah (Proxy: Dan Hooper), Sameer Bhattarai (Proxy: Minsung Jung), Tom Cardoza, Jencie Davies, Paul Davis, Candace Garlock, John Hughes, Tim Ill, Sarah Krutz, Jillian Kiefer, Brianne Lee, Nathan Lower, Heather Lupkey, Rachel Wooley, Julian Vu

Guests: Amber Anaya, Verla Jackson

Learning & Sharing: Presentation by Verla Jackson

Verla demonstrated Canvas navigation and menu features. Committee members also had an opportunity to ask questions and share Canvas tips and tricks.

Approval of December 1, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Beth Humphrey moved and James Kuzhippala seconded to approve the December 1, 2023 WebCollege Faculty Advisory Committee Minutes. The committee approved the motion.

Action Item: Request to add anonymous grading feature in Canvas

Fe's Request:

It was suggested I reach out about having the committee discuss and hopefully approve the addition of the anonymous grading feature in Canvas. Many of the instructors are beginning to understand the need to remove inherent biases that can occur in grading and being able to remove student names from the assignments and even quizzes that might have essay answers allows for more equitable grading practices. While there is an option within SpeedGrader, it's not very realistic in its functionality. It's assignment by assignment, you have to enter into a student submission to activate it, doesn't work for quizzes or tests, and winds up being too burdensome for most faculty interested in truly anonymous grading policies.

Elyssia described the feature. A committee member wondered whether this would work with external website grading. Elyssia did not see any restrictions. The user would need to go in and enable the feature.

Dan Hooper asked if there was interest in making a motion. The committee would like to see a demonstration or test group first. This feature would need to be turned on at the admin level and is a feature-option which can be disabled by the instructor.

The committee were shown a list of feature options available in Canvas. Not all of them are geared towards higher-ed. It was suggested, as a future agenda item, to have the committee review the list of feature options available. A need for a process for review was discussed. Other concerns were whether any of the options add a cost to our Canvas software and unintended consequences.

Motion: Lisa Buehler moved and Robin Griffin seconded to turn on all options. The committee did not pass the motion.

This item will be tabled until next month.

Response to VPAA memo on online course access

Dan asked if anyone is interested in responding to the VPAA's memo. The committee decided not to respond.

WebCollege update

The Journal feature will be turned off in June. There were 80 respondents from the survey.

Old Business

None

New Business

Review the list of feature – options and find a way to demonstrate them.

Meeting adjourned: 11:58 a.m.

Next Meeting: March 15, 2024