
MEETING NOTES FOR APRIL 8, 2024

Present

Andy Hughes, Robert Hernandez, YeVonne Allen, Maria "Sandra" Jimenez, Geoff Hawkins, Kaylene Brady, Tony Futia, Sidney Sullivan, Yuliana Chavez, Felipe Gutierrez De Alba, Staci Miller, Katie Paul, Brandon Goehring, Virag Nikolics, Betty Cervantes Castro and Brendan Patin

1. Estela Updates

- a. Summer Low Staffing: Estela reminded everyone to turn in their forms by the deadline. Estela will be taking time off during the summer.
- b. Spirit Day: On September 17 the VPSD Advisory wanted to have a spirit day beginning with a march and go to the quad with different activities throughout the day, such as competitions in corn hole, Jenga and soccer challenges. The group is also working on planning a BBQ at 4 pm so staff may bring their children. Stay tuned for additional as the advisory works out the details.
- c. Kickstart Tailgate: September 21 is the date set for the tailgate. RV overnight parking will be on September 20. Save the dates!
- d. End of Semester: Five weeks remaining in the semester. May 10 is the commencement ceremony. Representatives from NIC International College in Japan will be attending the commencement ceremony this year. The next Council meeting is cancelled. Summer Council meetings to start at 3:30 p.m.

2. Standing Items

- a. Cabinet: Andy reported that this group talked about proposed internal salary enhancement policy. 3 things will trigger internal COLA policy of 1% salary adjustment (1) – if COLA is not forthcoming from the state (2) – if year to year total state year-end revenue actuals do not drop more than 1% (3) year to year registration fee revenues grow or remain flat. Will be on Faculty Senate agenda. The group also discussed the fire tower at Redfield. Note that IR is reporting directly to the President - they are short staffed, so be patient with requests. VPFG will be building an online portal to request funding - similar to the RAP process. The NSHE chancellor search is under way. TMCC president search is expected to be discussed at the April BOR meeting. Faculty Senate looking for a CRC chair. Talk to Rick Bullis if you are interested. Spring Open House received lots of kudos. There were over 400 attendees.
- b. Planning Council: YeVonne reported that the BOR will be discussing new building shared with DRI, Nevada State University and TMCC. The re-working of the funding formula is also a topic of discussion. Dr. Deadmond is looking at the SMP. If you have any edits to your KPI goals in the TMCC overall SMP, now is the time to request those changes. Academic Advising will be updating their KPI with the Accreditation Committee.
- c. Enrollment Management Committee: Brandon reported in Yuli's stead the Enrollment Management Committee is working on finalizing the 2024-2028 Strategic Enrollment Management Plan. As of April 4, 2024 we are up 18% in new Student Applicants compared to the same timeframe last year. The retention committee presented some new initiatives to increase retention: Retention Specialists, Degree works, a mentoring software called Mentor and Match and Dorms. Student Services has been talking about dorms for a while now, we are glad to see momentum.

3. Unit Updates

- a. Counseling: Katie reported that they are hosting the Take Back the Night event April 24 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Student Center. There will be activities, paws4Love dogs, speeches by survivors and a solidarity march to bring awareness. The Resource Fair is at Redfield which is a collaboration with the Student Resource Committee on April 11 from Noon-2 p.m. Suicide Prevention SAMHSA grant is done! They trained 74 campus individuals in

mental health first aid, 33 in START and 35 in Safe Talk. The partnership with Uwill will continue through February 2025 – providing tele psychiatric visits for students and a 24/7 support line to those affiliated with TMCC.

- b. DRC/Student Conduct: Tony reported that the DRC is really busy with their 824 students. Student Conduct had a shift in types of conduct issues after COVID moved classes to online learning. He is seeing a lot a behavioral issues with online students. There are also more students enrolled from southern Nevada or out of state. Tony has to meet with these types of students virtually and does not know if the student he is meeting with is the actual student. Use of AI is also impacting student conduct complaints. Students are using Grammarly to review their papers and it is showing up as written by AI. Cases are getting more complicated. Tony is also on a subcommittee for safety chaired by AVP Peter Ross at DRI. The group submitted some recommendations, including the sharing of threat information among institutions. Also recommended that when discipline hold is placed on a student at TMCC, that student cannot enroll in another NSHE institution without clearing up the hold at TMCC.
- c. Equity, inclusion and Sustainability: Juana reported that they are planning a cap decorating event, the Earth Day event is on April 18. They will collect gently used professional clothing collection in the Disco for the clothing exchange at the Earth Day event. Las Platicas with Counseling will be from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. the 18th. April 24 is the Empowering Native American college students event and April 30 is the Asian Pacific Islander month event. On May 1 they will be doing Bollywood dancing in the DISCO from Noon-1 p.m. The Unity Celebration is schedule for May 2 at 4 p.m. Regent Joe Arrascada joined TMCC in a round table discussion. SGA elections closed. Hosting Finals Take a Break is May 6 and 7.
- d. Admissions and Enrollment Services: Andy reported that FAFSA is still broken. USDOE is having to correct over 300,000 submissions. TMCC may have to look at other solutions until student's financial aid comes through. The NSHE ID lookup tool is now available online. Preferred name on ID cards is now available. Legal name will be printed on the back of the ID card.
- e. Academic Advising: Staci reported that they had a brand-new advisor start today, Julia White from Finland. The second advisor position is opening. Their first sip and shop event saw 149 students – more than double the students they would normally see. Advising will repeat this event again in the future. Advising is booked out three weeks. They have three advisors every day on same day appointments (see the same day link on the website). The tiered advising structure she proposed was approved by the Leadership Team to begin on July 1.
- f. Financial Aid: Brendan reported that they are bringing back the FLAMES financial literacy programming. The next FLAMES event is on April 9. National student employment week events are coming up on April 10, 11 and 18. They are working to set up the financial aid process in People Soft and preparing to package the students' financial aid and send out award letters for 24-25 soon. Financial Aid will work with Marketing to send out a communication in June to remind students the July 1 financial aid priority deadline, and encourage students that it is not too late to complete a FAFSA. Federal Tax Information vs FAFSA Information: With the 2024-2025 FAFSA cycle, when students and parents provide consent to the Department of Education (ED), data is now being requested from the Internal Revenue Service. As a result of how federal data is now requested, Federal Tax Information (FTI) now falls under the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). FTI data is only accessible to users who can apply, award, and administer student financial aid programs (federal, state, institutional). FAFSA inquiries such as checking on whether the student filed a FAFSA, or if they are meeting SAP is still accessible information, but sharing data on federal tax information will be restricted due to the penalties and liabilities that fall under IRC. The financial aid coordinator position is posted on Workday and will close on April 22. This position was previously held by Nicole Barnes who is now the Assistant Director of Financial Aid Systems.

- g. TRIO SSS: Maria Sandra reported that The TRIO SSS Program is hosting its third Graduate Recognition Reception on Tues, May 7 from 5-7:30 pm in RDMT 255/256. On Wed, April 24 and Fri, April 26 from Noon-3 p.m., the TRIO SSS program is hosting a "From First to Forever " decorating event for graduating TRIO SSS students so they can write a special message in a bottle that will then be presented to the individual(s) who inspired them in their journey at our third annual TRIO Graduate Recognition Reception, plus, graduates can also decorate their cap -- all art supplies are provided. The TRIO SSS program is still accepting applications for the 2023-2024 academic year. Students seeking to enroll and begin their college journey at TMCC this Summer 2024 or Fall of 2024 are encouraged to apply.
- h. Dual Credit: Betty reported that the stipend was approved for concurrent teachers. Their office is working with departments for Fall concurrent classes. Orientation for concurrent teachers is in the planning stages. They are accepting applications for Summer and Fall.
- i. Fitness, Wellness and Athletics: Geoff reported that they are in soccer scrimmage mode now. The women play UNR at Mackay Stadium. Soccer schedules are online and complete for the Fall. This is the highest GPA recruits' group ever for the program. September 21 is the kickstart Tailgate! The Mighty Lizard Club is reignited. The Fitness Center is still doing three Wednesday classes. There will be a new PEX injury assessment 1 credit course. There is also a new official SGA Volleyball club at the Fitness Center. Summer Hours for the Fitness Center begin in May, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.
- j. Career Hub: Sidney reported that the SANDI Student Success event is April 15 at 1 p.m. They are honoring students who completed or are about to complete their skills certificates with the support of SANDI funding. Career Cafes will be held at ATC, construction on April 24 and manufacturing on April 25. They are beginning a brand-new grant program for emergency management Students Training in Emergency Professions (STEP) that goes through 2025. They hired a new EPP coordinator who is starting April 22. TMCC interns will be featured at EDawn Interns for Industry event on May 9. It is a busy time for the CareerHub as there is high demand for resume preparation assistance. They completed two successful grant monitoring visits for Displaced Homemakers and SNAP E&T.
- k. RAC: Brandon reported that the Nevada Promise deadline was moved from April 1 to May 1 to accommodate time for students to file a FAFSA. RAC will send almost 25,000 text messages from April 15-17 to encourage students to register for fall classes. They expect to be busy with replies. The Spring Open House was a hit! They had over 400 people in attendance. RAC will host it during Spring break again next year due to the high attendance rate this year. RAC will be very busy once registration begins. They have many registration workshops scheduled at high school campuses from mid end of April to the end of May. The goal is to help students register for classes before they go on summer break. They will focus on high school workshops in May. From June to August, they will have workshops at Dandini.
- They had a great donor update meeting with the Jacobs Foundation. The data tells us them they are making great progress with those students.
- Summer Bridge is still looking for students! They need students who place into Math 120 and 124 without support (the support classes are full). Please continue to refer students to them.
- l. International Student Services: Virag reported that they have 34 applications pending and the deadline is July 31. Representatives from NIC International College in Japan are visiting TMCC for commencement. The IClub is putting on an event in VISTA 206 4 p.m. next Friday. The International Celebration will be at the Discovery Museum on April 25. Coffee hour is going strong this semester. Stephine Sellers will present tomorrow and a TRIOSSS student will present on April 24. ISS completed a recruitment trip at community college fairs in South Korea. They visited with seven agents and high schools. They signed two contracts and are working to sign more. TMCC is establishing a partnership with an intensive English program. Estela added that it took some time

to complete their accreditation. The MOU is signed. The UCEDA language school will be housed here at TMCC on the first floor of Vista Building.

- m. VRC: Felipe reported that over 300 people attended the Vietnam Veterans Remembrance event. The event highlighted Veteran Services and received a lot of good press. The Packed Act Town Hall will be held on April 15 from 5-8 p.m. They are expecting a large number of attendees from the veteran community. This legislation opens eligibility requirements for veterans who may have had toxic exposure, such as burn pits. From May 24-May 27, Veteran Services will be conducting Operation Battle Born: Ruck to Remember, starting from the site of the Moving Wall in Minden to Fernley. The RDMT 241 VRC space will be relocated to RDMT 402 during the upcoming remodel.

End: 4 p.m.