



MINUTES APRIL. 1, 2021

3:30 – 4:30 p.m., via Zoom

Meeting called to order: 3:32 p.m.

In attendance: Jim Collier, Jencie Davies, Beth Humphrey, Robert Kirchman, Rob Lively (Chair), Becky Porter, Laure’L Santos, Brandy Scarnati, Cameron Carr, John Fitzsimmons. Viola Pellissier, Beth Humphrey, Tom Cardoza

Absent: Phyllis Henderson, Scott Huber, Alexandra Patri, Jonathan Lam, Bob Fletcher, Josh Shinn, Michael Miller

Guest: Kerry Kuster

Approve meeting minutes March 4, 2021

The meeting minutes from March 4, 2021 had one change. Beth Humphrey was listed as both present and absent. She was present. The minutes were amended, and they were approved unanimously.

Overview of Learning Commons Services

The Tutoring Center needs peer tutors. If you know anyone who has the knowledge and personality to be a tutor, please contact Brandy Scarnati, or have the student fill out the online tutoring recommendation.

The Learning Commons will continue to operate at the 50% rule for occupancy until things are changed by the administration. The Computer Lab is now open for use, and the Edison campus is ramping up for more hours.

Report on the Roaring 20s Panel

Chair Rob Lively updated everyone on the Roaring 20s Panel held on Mar. 25 via Zoom. The panel went really well and had over 25 attendees. Feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. UNR’s OLLI group have been attending, and the panel has received many kudos from them as well.

Discuss Future Panels

At the beginning of the school year, we decided to have some panel events via Zoom, but we weren’t sure how they would be received. Looking back at our data, we found that they went over really well. Not only did we have TMCC participation, we had a large contingent of community involvement in the panels. We discussed for future panels creating hybrid live/Zoom panels where we would be on campus, yet still broadcast it over Zoom. That way TMCC would attract participants from both the campus and the broader Reno/Sparks communities.

New Business

Laure’L Santos brought up the fact that TMCC faculty and students cannot use the UNR library. During COVID, we have had to scramble to make sure students have the resources they need. Forming a partnership with UNR would help students have access to resources they need. Since many of our students attend both, or are intent on transferring to UNR after TMCC, this partnership seems reasonable. John Fitzsimmons said he would reach out to UNR to see if they were interested in starting this conversation.

Next meeting: Thursday, September 2, 2021 at 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned: 4:27 p.m.