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## MEETING MINUTES FOR SEPT. 7, 2017

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**Meeting called to order at:** 3:30 p.m.

**In attendance:** Jessica Bilek, Kellie Carter, John Coles, Blisin Hestiyas, Elizabeth Humphrey, Lars Jensen, Megan Lahti, Jonathan Lam, Casey Machen, Kreg Mebust, Karen Ozbek, Rebecca Porter, Neil Siegel, Corina Wedinger

**Guests:** Amber Anaya and Sue Malek

**Absent:** Wade Hampton, Thomas Kearns, Sharon Lowe, Mai Anh McMurray

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### Approval of the Minutes from April 5, 2017

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The minutes from April 5, 2017 were not available for review prior to the meeting and will be added to the agenda for our next meeting on October 5, 2017.

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### Monsters Panel, October 19, 2–4 p.m., SIER 108

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The Monster's Panel is scheduled for October 19, 2017 in SIER 108 at 2 p.m. Chair Josh Shinn asked for suggestions for speakers and volunteers to reach out to potential speakers. Past speakers were Marynia Giren-Navarro, Neil Siegel and Hugh Fraser. Other suggestions were Meeghan Gray for a biologic monster discussion. Sue Malek will ask Nate Eldridge from the Zambo show if he can speak and/or moderate the event. Kellie Carter, veterinary technology volunteered to speak about bats. Cecilia Vigil, biology also is a bat enthusiast.

Josh asked for volunteers to bring candy to the event for the candy and welcome table.

Neil Siegel will speak to Thomas Kearns to have last year's poster updated.

The committee will also need to have the event placed on the TMCC Events Calendar and notify marketing.

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### Day of the Dead Event

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The Day of the Dead Event is scheduled for November 2 at 2:00 p.m. Neil Siegel noted Beau Rogers, an integral part of the event, teaches at UNR on this date. Neil further suggested we do an environmental panel on possible consequences of a 4° temperature increase in the Reno Tahoe area. This panel would be relevant to ongoing discussions of sustainability in English classes and also aligns with the Sustainability Committee initiatives. A great excitement and discussion ensued and it was suggested we revisit a Day of the Dead panel next fall and proceed with an environmental theme.

Elizabeth Humphrey suggested a title for the event: Nevada Warming. Neil suggested a what-if angle. Megan Lahti suggested a factual approach rather than a what if angle, which could potentially hint at something that is not true.

It was also suggested to include a footprint of TMCC ten years ago versus now.

Potential speakers suggested were: the National Weather Service, Keep Tahoe Blue, Desert Research Institute, an architect, Wildlife Fish and Game and John Coles volunteered to speak about the psychology of global warming.

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### Comedy Stand-Up

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A comedy stand-up event is tentatively scheduled for March 1. Suggestions for the event were an open mic time slot, local comics, student acts, and a psychology of comedy discussion.

## Library Database Concerns

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Chair Josh Shinn discussed library database concerns that were noted by Dean Channing. Neil Siegel noted there was a \$25K budget cut. Some examples of database concerns were obtaining expanded versions of databases, requests from instructors and whether desk copies can also be allowed by the publisher to qualify as a reserve copy.

It was suggested to invite Dean Channing to our committee to further discuss concerns and potential solutions.

Another suggestion was to get a listing of books on reserve and find out from instructors what is truly wanted. Sue Malek volunteered to get a breakdown of which databases we do have and where it is from.

A survey of library needs by faculty might be useful as well as investigating sharing resources with UNR and Western.

Neil Siegel said faculty can request book purchases and to have this announced at the next Faculty Senate meeting to be reported to each senator's department.

## New Business/Ideas

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Kreg Mebust asked if instructors are incorporating sustainability initiatives topics and best practices into pedagogy.

Please reach out to Kreg and let him know what you and your department are doing to increase sustainability. Kreg's email is [kmeboust@tmcc.edu](mailto:kmeboust@tmcc.edu).

Sue Malek reported she receives 6-12 students in her genealogy lab each Friday and there has been good circulation of featured genealogy books with the Orphan Train being the most popular. She suggested having an Orphan Train event at a later date.

**Adjourn:** 4:30 p.m.