

MEETING MINUTES FOR OCT. 5, 2017

Meeting called to order at: 3:31 p.m.

In attendance: Josh Shinn (Chair), Jessica Bilek, John Coles, Blisin Hestiyas, Elizabeth Humphrey, Lars Jensen, Thomas Kearns, Megan Lahti, Jonathan Lam, Casey Machen, Mai Anh McMurray, Kreg Mebust, Neil Siegel, Corina Weidinger

Guests: Cheryl Cardoza, Jill Channing, Sue Malek

Absent: Kellie Carter, Karen Ozbek, Rebecca Porter

Faculty Senate Chair Cheryl Cardoza attended the meeting and thanked everyone for their service to the committee and its important purpose to TMCC.

Approval of the Minutes from April 5 and September 7, 2017

The minutes from April 5, and September 7, 2017 were motioned, seconded and approved unanimously with no abstentions.

Library Database—Dr. Jill Channing

Dr. Jill Channing, Dean of Liberal Arts, opened the discussion of library databases and would like faculty to drive the selection of new databases and what existing databases are renewed. Ideas suggested were to find out if sharing resources with other colleges is possible, providing access to UNR databases through instructor UNR credentials in order to obtain full articles versus abstracts. It was agreed by the committee to get faculty input of what databases are wanted and used. This method was successful with Allied Health. They were surveyed and provided good input on future purchases that are useful to the various health programs. Suzanne Malek provided a listing of databases we currently subscribe to. A database wish mentioned was a full MLA database for both faculty and students.

Faculty List for Database Trial Review and Recommendations

The Library Committee will create a list of faculty for each discipline who will work with the librarians to review database trials and faculty recommendations. A listing of journals for each database discipline we currently subscribe to was also suggested. Suggestions to reach out to faculty included an email campaign to department chairs, attending department meetings, inviting the database vendor representative to speak at the library committee and department meetings, have the vendor provide a detailed PDF listing of what we currently subscribe to and possibly hosting a forum or panel during Spring Professional Development Days to engage faculty and receive their input. Reports can be compiled that show database usage to help faculty inform their decisions. Neil mentioned the library has purchased databases per faculty requests that saw little usage.

Information Literacy Module—Suzanne Malek

Suzanne Malek provided a demonstration of CREDO's Information Literacy Module. Benefits of this module are: it can be embedded in Canvas for online courses and assignments, it guides the student through information literacy in a meaningful way and instructors can customize content to fit his or her course content. There will be a session offered at the Spring Welcome Back Professional Development Days. Suggestions to reach more faculty came from Neil Siegel and Corina Weidinger, respectively, who suggested scheduling a demo of this module during department meetings and during Part-Time sessions of Professional Development Days.

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

We have confirmed Zambo as a guest speaker for the Monsters Panel. Josh Shinn asked confirmed speakers to please contact him with your preferred timeslot so we can schedule Zambo accordingly. We have confirmed Marynia Giren-Navarro, Hugh Frasier, and Neil Siegel will be speaking. Josh is accepting candy donations and any volunteers to assist at the welcome table.

Nevada Warming Hypothesis Event November 2, 2–4 p.m. Student Center

Kreg Mebust provided an update on the Nevada Warming Event. Confirmed speakers are Tim Brown Director of Western Regional Climate Center at DRI; Chris Smallcomb, National Weather Service; Aaron Kenneston, Washoe County Resiliency Panel for Perspective Impacts; Ed Evans, Truckee River Flood Management Authority. Kreg has enlisted the help of Thomas Kearns to create an event poster.

Neil Siegel mentioned Phi Theta Kappa members will be attending the event to gather information and quotes for their upcoming essay contest that circles around environmental issues.

New Business/Ideas

The merit of holding a faculty database panel versus going to department meetings was discussed. It was noted that the same few people attend the panel; whereas, going directly to department meetings is more effective and reaches more faculty.

Josh Shinn introduced an event for spring to honor students who are parents and parents of students. The event would be comprised of expert speakers on parenting and informational sessions for students and parents to find resources to assist them in their roles. It was suggested to connect this event to another taking place on February 23 that includes Dr. James R. Doti, author of "Into the Magic Shop: A Neurosurgeon's Quest to Discover the Mysteries of the Brain and the Secrets of the Heart". Doti's book illustrates how to have a meaningful existence by acknowledging and harnessing the connection between the mind and heart.

Adjourn: 4:35 p.m.