



MEETING MINUTES FOR FEB. 17, 2017

Meeting called to order at: 10:03 am

In attendance: Scott Huber (Chair), Sameer Bhattarai, Dave Boden, Arnold Brock, Amy Cavanaugh, Wade Hampton, Linda McGillicuddy, Kyle Simmons, Jim Winston, Cheryl Woehr, Warren Hejny, Mike Holmes,

Absent: Laura Briggs, Bill Gallegos, Andy Hughes, Greg Ellis,

Guests: Edmond Burke, Pamela Thomas

Approval of Minutes from January 27, 2017 meeting

It was motioned, seconded, and the minutes from January 27, 2017 were approved unanimously.

WebCollege WEB Retention Protocol

It was explained to us by the WebCollege web retention specialist the student should call and talk with the instructor directly, and maybe the instructor will accept his/her assignment if credit is needed. Although we have assigned deadlines and the student missed them, then we can suggest that the student call the instructor and try to negotiate for him/herself. We have deadlines, and some students have expressed a need for deadlines, to push them to get their assignments in on time. But, there are some faculty who will never change their deadlines. One of last things she mentioned, was she wanted to use encouragement.

Scott Huber sent an email to all the chairs explaining to them that there is a problem with the retention specialist overreaching doing her job, and she been put on notice that you can't coach through negotiations, there are legal issues, and the fact that no one was informed that we even had a retention specialist. From what we've been told, her work has been pretty good, also she has increased retention in classes, and the numbers are impressive. Hopefully with all the issues it will resolve itself.

Sports Complex Survey

The survey was not written very well, only about 15% of students took the survey, and there were a lot of mixed results.

The administration drafted a briefing paper that was sent to the Board of Regents who will be meeting in March. The Administration is requesting a \$9 per credit from each student that will go to building a fence complex along the soccer field.

The narrative for justification is students strongly support the increase fees, high interest, full time students will take advantage of this, etc.

Scott Huber did a survey of his own, in his own classes, and 2/3 of the class wanted no part of it. He showed the students the class cost now and what it would cost with the \$9 increase. He then asked them if they wanted to spend that kind of money. Scott also reiterated that the basic logic that the increase in fee needs to be pulled back until it goes to the Regents.

The president is adamant that everyone is in favor of it, but many are not. The intent is to get it pulled back, with some legitimacy.

TMCC faculty feel that the recently SGA Survey of interest and Sports Complex were not supported by the data, therefore we request a comprehensive survey of all students to actively engage their support for increasing debit.

Annual Plan for Counselors – Information only

This item was tabled until next month.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Adjourn: 11:17 a.m.