



Truckee Meadows Community College

Faculty Senate Recognition and Activities Committee

MEETING MINUTES SEPT. 3, 2019

Meeting called to order: 2 p.m.

In attendance: Cliff Bartl, Cathy Brewster Julia Bledsoe, Lauren Gatto (Chair), Beth Humphrey, Erin Frock, Michelle Montoya, Barb Painter, Sidney Sullivan

Absent: Olga Katkova, Sandra Martinez, Danielle Lessard, Jimmy Lao

Guests: Gretchen Sawyer

Welcome committee members

Chair Lauren Gatto opened the meeting welcoming all members and had each member provide a brief introduction.

Jenga tournament

The tournament happens just before first committee meeting. There is a scramble to get it together. It went well for teams who planned to do it and it's a great way for introducing new folks. There was discussion on clarification of the rules.

The current location in RDMT mezzanine worked well.

Professional of the Month

Gretchen Sawyer from the Foundation Office attended today's meeting. An email will be going out to solicit nominees for the Professional of the Month. A Google form will be created for the committee to vote. Please attend awarding of the winner if you can. Michelle will put together gift basket in the \$20 range funded by the Faculty Senate host account. There is also a \$100 scholarship for a student that is funded by the Foundation. Awardees don't always give away scholarships. Gretchen proposes to allow awardee to give foundation the money back to give to a scholarship committee, an SGA officer, or during commencement to a student. The form says that awardee has two weeks to award.

It was decided to change the form and remove the 2-week statement, ask the awardee for up to 5 students ranked, or to elect to allow the foundation to award from a list. The Foundation will keep the list of students to award to if awardee does not have a student in mind.

Memorial Wall: Foundation Board has elected to expand endowment for Dandini Gardens to "beautify" the TMCC grounds. Located just outside Vista Building. The issue is the rules on how people are selected. What group handles this? Who gets recognized? Perhaps an Adhoc committee or task force that includes HR, Foundation, this committee, PT Fac, Classified, Facilities, admin faculty could form. Cliff will head a taskforce and will reach out to heads of those groups. The taskforce will be responsible for rules and initial names only, not the actual physical structure.

Service and Teaching Awards: Funding is from Model Dairy for this year. RGJ is year to year.

Pumpkin Decorating Contest

The committee specified the pumpkin must be real (no Styrofoam or plastic). Possible dates: Tues, 10/29; Wed 10/30; or Thurs 10/31. Events already planned on campus are: Flames event 10/29 and Culinary event 10/31. Event overlap would be good for voting traffic. Getting people to enter is the issue. Office decorating contest that week as well.

Childcare is trick or treating is 10/29. Advertising using flyers beginning October 1. Students will need a department to "sponsor" their entry. The committee will circulate flyers on the campuses. October 30, at 10-2 p.m. with set up at 9-10 a.m. and tear down from 2-3 p.m.

Other business

For next meeting:

Night at the Theatre in Oct, Nov

Career Champions discussion

Meeting Dates for Fall

- 2 p.m. in RDMT 255 on the following Tuesdays: 10/1/19; 11/5/19; 12/3/19

2019-2020 Calendar of Events

- Jenga Tournament (Aug)
- Pumpkin Decorating (Oct)
- Night at the Theater (Nov)
- Holiday Party (Dec)
- Distinguished Faculty Awards (Mar, Apr, May)
- Night at the Theater (Apr)
- Professional of the Month (Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May)
- Random Acts of Recognition (ongoing)

Meeting adjourned: 3 p.m.