



Truckee Meadows Community College

Faculty Senate WebCollege Faculty Advisory Committee

MINUTES FEBRUARY 08, 2019

Meeting called to order at: 11 a.m.

In attendance: Tamara Anderson, Julie Armbrrecht, Lisa Buehler, Greg Ellis, Natalie Fisher, Hugh Fraser, Robin Griffin, Heidi Himler, Dan Hooper (Chair), Thomas Kearns, James Kuzhippala, Dan Loranz, Rebecca McCleary, Shannon McCool, Joylin Namie, Nancy O'Neil, Craig Rodrigue, Brandy Scarnati, Shehara Snow, Corina Weidinger, Roza Weller, Wyatt Ziebell

Absent: Brian Addington (proxy: Lisa Buehler), Eddy Burke, Marshall Carby, Kellie Carter, Paul Davis, Bob Fletcher, Ricky Genz, Candace Garlock, Tim III, Robert Kirchman, Crystal Swank

Approval of December 07, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Chair Dan Hooper called a motion to approve the December 7, 2018 Minutes. It was motioned by Lisa Buehler and seconded by Corina Weidinger: Vote passes unanimously.

WebCollege Updates

Chair Dan Hooper opened up the meeting to review and discuss the changes in WebCollege. Brandy Scarnati handed out a flyer with information from the National ITC on their most recent survey on colleges around the country.

Brandy also announced the addition of the new WebCollege Admin Assistant III, Jimmy Roque.

Staff were reminded to change assignments in Canvas, previously using Vericite, over to Turnitin to maintain assignment functionality. New Professional Development opportunities are on the horizon with Delivering Effective Online Courses beginning in April.

WebCollege stats: FTE is up 3%, TMCC had a 75% retention rate from Fall 18 and at least 45% of students are taking at least one online course.

QM

Lisa Buehler and Brandy Scarnati talked about the importance of Quality Matters (QM) as it pertains to TMCC. They shared a reminder for anyone interested in putting their course through QM to start with the form listed on the TMCC website, and also attend the two-week online training offered each semester.

Online Education Marketing

Hugh Fraser followed up with information from the December meeting about the marketing of our distance education in comparison to other institutions. Highlights of his research yielded that overall, TMCC is providing a more user-friendly experience for our students to access online course information and programs that have online options. A 5 year outlook for TMCC was discussed and committee members talked about best teaching practices to increase retention rates overall. Top suggestions included: Being flexible with assignment dates and deadlines, Being open to student circumstances, and continuing to update TMCC's website as times change.

Tabled Topics

None

Old / New Business

None

Next meeting: Friday, March 8, 2019

Meeting adjourned: 12:06 p.m.