
MINUTES NOVEMBER 4, 2021

3:30 – 4:30 p.m., via Zoom

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

In attendance: Tom Cardoza, Cameron Carr, Jim Collier, Jencie Davies, Elizabeth Humphrey, Minsung Jung, John Kemp (Chair), Rob Lively, Morgan Locandro, Michael Miller, Presley Patterson, Rebecca Porter, John Reid, Laure'L Santos

Absent: Bob Fletcher, John Fitzsimmons, Viola Pellissier

Approve meeting minutes October 7, 2021

Michael Miller moved and John Reid seconded to approve the October 7, 2021 minutes. The motion was approved by committee with 11 votes in favor and one abstention.

The Monster Panel Recap

John thanked Joylin and Laure'l for their brilliant and interesting presentations.

Panel on Afghanistan Withdrawal

We discussed a panel discussion on the Afghanistan withdrawal for mid-late November. Panel would include the Veterans on campus – tentatively planned for the third week of November (before Thanksgiving).

It was proposed moving this to the Spring rather than rushing to get it in so late in the fall. Tom Cardoza agreed that the timing with the holidays may make it challenging. Rob Lively agreed it would give us more time to advertise and time it so we aren't competing with other events. It was recommended connecting with OLLI – the college for older adults at UNR. Previously this generated some good participation and a community connection. Tom volunteered to add this as a discussion to his upcoming presentation to OLLIE.

Library Retrieval System and Tutoring

Cameron Carr suggested a link in Canvas to communicate with students.

Tom Cardoza suggested announcements in classes by faculty, including a scrolling header on the TMCC webpage, or a faculty roundtable during PD days. There was a question about who is managing professional development days currently, but the committee liked the PD day idea.

Presley Patterson suggested an announcement in PRIMO on the homepage for the Tutoring Scheduler and volunteered to do presentations in courses. Presley reminded everyone that the tutoring center would like to reach out to more faculty (especially math instructors) to let them know that they're happy to let faculty host office hours in the Tutoring Center or provide tutoring hours as part of their annual plan.

John asked about the Learning Commons newsletter and whether we can add to it. Often engagement can happen online or virtually and doesn't necessarily need to take class time.

Elizabeth asked about any videos that help students understand the new library retrieval system. Rob shared that there are some videos posted on the Learning Commons homepage.

Laure'L commented that on the Edison campus, many students don't know that the tutoring center exists. Recommended creating fliers or posters that can be posted on other campuses. Tutoring used to be present at Edison, but that went away

with COVID. There is not tutoring presence. John suggested we contact marketing to put together posters to place on other campuses.

Other Business

John Kemp attended the sustainability committee meeting and asked about a previous plan for an earth day event. Rob reminded us that we were going to team up with the sustainability committee to do something together for Earth Day. It didn't happen through COVID.

Next meeting: Thursday, February 3, 2021 at 3:30-4:30 p.m. via Zoom

Meeting adjourned: 3:56 p.m.