TMCC
Truckee Meadows Community College

Faculty Senate WebCollege Faculty Advisory Committee

MEETING MINUTES FEB. 7, 2020

11-12 p.m. SIER 117

Meeting called to order at: 11:00 a.m.

In attendance: Tamara Anderson, Julie Armbrecht, Katie Bomberger, Carrie Breakell, Lisa Buehler, Paul Davis, Damien Ennis, Natalie Fisher, Hugh Fraser, Ricky Genz, Robin Griffin, Danielle Harris, Heidi Himler, Dan Hooper (Chair), Beth Humphrey, James Kuzhippala, Ted Lambert, Rebecca McCleary, Joylin Namie, Nancy O'Neil, Craig Rodrigue, Jimmy Roque, Brandy Scarnati, Phil Smilanick, Cliff Uren, Corina Weidinger, Roza Weller

Absent: Brian Addington (Proxy: Lisa Buehler), Jencie Davies, Natasha Franzen(SGA), Bill Gallegos, Tim Ill, Dan Loranz, Sharon Lowe, Stephanie Mead, Shannon McCool, Neil Siegel, Wyatt Ziebell

New Members: Valeria Saborino Barquero (SGA)

Approval of December 13, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Chair Dan Hooper called a motion to approve the December 13, 2019 minutes. It was motioned by Corina Weidinger and seconded by Robin Griffin: Motion passed with one abstention.

WebCollege Updates

WebCollege team member, Jaime Roque announced that TMCC has obtained two new ViewSonic smart panels. Faculty are able to observe and practice using the smart boards in RDMT 252. If faculty want to use the panels for their lectures, they can reach out to Jimmy via email for more information. Jimmy will also be presenting a live demonstration of the panels to the WCFAC committee at the next meeting.

Canvas Default Grading Scheme

Chair Dan Hooper, inquired with concern, about the Canvas "default grading scheme" feature in Canvas and how it is currently used. Library Commons Director, Brandy Scarnati clarified with regard to academic freedom, the grading scheme is not enabled by default, and is only enabled per individual course so that departments and/or individual instructors are free to establish their own grading scheme. It was also noted the grading scheme is not widely used by faculty. Chair Dan Hooper declared this agenda item needed no further action and was deemed resolved.

Student Landing Page

WebCollege team member, Danielle Harris, spoke about the Canvas Student Landing page with regard to the rise in faculty volunteers who have incorporated it into their courses. To date, the landing page is receiving positive feedback from both faculty and students. Anyone still interested in adopting the landing page to their Canvas course is encouraged to contact Danielle. A survey will be sent out at the end of the semester to students and faculty to gather more data on how the landing page is being perceived.

Testing Schedule in Canvas

Chair Dan Hooper presented information to the committee on a possible change to how Canvas exams can be scheduled, showing examples from colleges in Utah. The committee agreed that more information is needed before discussing further. Chair Dan Hooper agreed to begin initial consultations with scheduling software providers, gather more information and present this again at a later date.

Old / New Business

Next WCFAC meeting will be held in RDMT 252 for Jimmy's ViewSonic presentation.

Next meeting: Friday, March 13th, 2020

Meeting adjourned: 11:40 a.m.