



Truckee Meadows Community College

Faculty Senate Recognition and Activities Committee

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# MEETING MINUTES SEPT. 1, 2020

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BlueJeans Conferencing, 2-3 p.m.

**Meeting called to order:** 2:00 p.m.

**In attendance:** Rebecca Eckland, Erin Frock, Lauren Gatto (Chair), Elizabeth Humphrey, Kerry Kuster, Sandra Martinez, Lori McDonald, Barb Painter, Viola Pellissier, Debi Pezzuto, Sidney Sullivan

**Absent:** Cliff Bartl, Olga Katkova

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## Approve May 5, 2020 meeting minutes

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The minutes for May 5, 2020 were motioned and seconded by Lori McDonald and Sandra Martinez respectively and approved unanimously by the committee.

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## Why, How, What?

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The committee discussed what they do well and what needs revisiting. The discussion circled around participation in events and how to continue to have events with COVID concerns, and the awards/nominations/recognition which the committee does well.

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## Professional of the Month

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Received many nominations over the Summer, but the committee meets during Fall, Winter, and Spring. If the committee meets in the Summer, a quorum is needed. A June/July award could be possible if scholarship funds are available. The Summer awarding could have less fanfare. There are 13 nominations made so far.

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## Cathy Brewster

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Cathy has retired. She had facilitated the Jenga Competition, the Holiday Party, Nights at the Theatre, and Random Acts of Chocolate. Lauren suggested to use the Recognition and Activities Committee to help keep events going. The committee also discussed reactivating Random Acts of Chocolate when in Stage 4 and the possibility of needing funding.

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## Pumpkin Decorating Contest

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Last year faculty, staff, and students brought decorated pumpkins to campus for voting. This year suggestions made were to accept photos and videos of pumpkins with a Zoom recorded vote. A pets, pumpkins, and people costume contest was also suggested.

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## Career Champion Program

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Sidney Sullivan will send the committee the information and approvals. Nominations will be solicited now for an early Spring award and once again in Fall. Decisions will be made at the October meeting.

## Other Business

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The committee will get an update from Cliff on the brick or memorial wall.

Invite Candice to the next meeting for pumpkins, people, and pets.

### 2020-2021 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)

Adjourn: 3:00 p.m.