

FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES

September 13, 2024

Faculty Senate Chair: Jinger Doe	Faculty Senate Chair-elect: Joseph Sanpietro	Past Chair Rick Bullis
Executive Committee member, Academic Standards and Assessment Chair Martha Johnson-Olin	Executive Committee member, Curriculum Review Chair Stephanie Mead	Executive Committee member, Professional Standards Chair Karen Wikander
Executive Committee member, Salary, Benefits and Budget Chair Bradley Summerhill	Administrative Faculty Committee Chair Katie Paul	Learning Commons Committee Chair Fred Lokken
Part-Time Faculty Committee Chair Matt van den Berg	Recognition & Activities Committee Chair Olga Katkova	WebCollege Faculty Advisory Committee Chair Frank Amankonah
Senators At-Large: Amber Burroughs Kyle Cassinelli Maggie Eirenschmalz Katie Paul	Senators for Allied Health: Stephanie Mead Rori Wilkis	Senators for Computer Technology Steve Bale
Senators for Biology: Laura Briggs Jon Lau	Senators for English: Martha Johnson-Olin Sabrina Ladd	Senators for History, Political Science & Law: Fred Lokken Dustin Moore
Senators for Humanities: Tom Cardoza Nancy Faires	Senators for Math: Frank Amankonah Lars Jensen	Senators for Physical Sciences: Olga Katkova Dan Loranz
Senators for Social Sciences: Marynia Giren-Navarro Joylin Namie	Senators for Technical Sciences: Deysi Montes-Castillo Kelly Oswald	Senators for Visual and Performing Arts: Fe Danger Ted Owens
Senators for Part-Time Faculty: David Pinkston Jennifer Salisbury	Classified Council Representative Jen Friend	Student Government Representative Lisha Allison

Absent: Olga Katkova (Proxy: Dan Lorenz), Jennifer Salisbury (Proxy: Matt van den Berg)

Guests: Ben M. Davis, Elyssia Fraga, Ashleigh Gray, John Hughes, Crista Jorgensen, Staci Miller, Jim New, Jesseca Pacheco, Mike Peyerl, Natalie Russell, Kim Studebaker, Edwin Yeboah, Olivia Zeiter

The meeting was called to order at 12:31 p.m.

Approval of the May 3, 2024 Minutes

Motion: To approve the Faculty Senate Minutes for May 3, 2024.

Movant: Senator Fred Lokken

Second: Senator Stephanie Mead

Vote: Motion passed.

Consent Agenda

Motion: To approve the September 13, 2024 Faculty Senate Consent Agenda.

Movant: Senator Steve Bale

Second: Senator Fred Lokken

Vote: Motion passed.

Past Chair's Report – Rick Bullis

An anti-discrimination policy was passed at the June 2024 Board of Regents (BOR) meeting. The regents heard the results of a climate survey on violence on campuses. Rick noted there was a small sample size and the data combined the community colleges with the universities.

Chair's Report – Jinger Doe

Board of Regents Meetings: On July 11 the BOR heard a presentation from the National Institute for Student Success (NISS) on data collected and strategies to increase historically underrepresented group achievement. This data is at no cost to Hispanic Serving Institutions. A code revision for presidential vacancies was presented as an informational item. The BOR also had a presentation from the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (NACEP). Their standards align with our accrediting body.

On July 25, a 75-10-15 split was approved at the [ad hoc meeting for the Higher Ed Funding Formula](#) for recommendation to the full board.

On August 23, the code revision for a vacating president passed. A recent expansion of Title IX was explained by an NSHE Human Resources representative. The 2025-2027 Biennial Budget requests were discussed. Currently, COLA's funded at 80% seem to have support from the Governor's Finance Office, but is not a done deal at this time. The 75-10-15 split was approved at the special meeting with a provision to hold harmless UNR and UNLV. This was an agenda item for action on the September 5-6 meeting. The Council of Chairs will draft a letter to be read during public comment requesting respectful dialog from the regents when discussing the LGBTQ+ community. The chancellor search continues and a search firm has yet to be finalized. The TMCC Presidential Search Listening Session is on Sept. 27 and will be facilitated by Chancellor Charlton, Chair Carvalho, and Vice-Chair Downs. Faculty Senate's allotted time is at 9 a.m. Chancellor Charlton will attend the February 2025 Faculty Senate meeting to present NSHE -wide concerns for the legislative session.

The September 5-6, 2024 Board of Regents Meeting highlights included the BAS in Applied Business Management being approved. The funding formula with a hold harmless for UNLV and UNR was approved by the full board. New business requests made were DEI and Anti Bias Training for the regents, a post-tenure review process, a policy for termination of academic faculty, and sunseting the IDEA committee. Jinger and the other Senate Chairs will be monitoring these suggested new business items for possible public comment.

Chair Elect's Report – Joe Sanpietro

September 17 is TMCC Sprit Day in the Plaza. Upcoming events include a play in November titled Nearly Washington, a faculty and student art show, gallery exhibitions, and the Art Fest in Spring 2025. A faculty member is needed for a tenure track committee, please reach out to Dean Julie Ellsworth if interested in serving.

Administrative Report – Karin Hilgersom, TMCC President

Dr. Hilgersom opened her report thanking the emergency personnel and employees at the Redfield Campus for their efforts during the fire.

Dr. Hilgersom provided a history of the co-requisite model and policy implementation. She offered to visit the English and Math departments for a check-in as well as the other departments. The supporting materials for the corequisite model can be found on the [NSHE website archives \(June 2019 meeting\)](#). The policy is found in the [NSHE Handbook under Title 4](#).

Spirit Day is Tuesday, September 18, 2024. The tailgate and soccer game are on Saturday, September 21, 2024.

New program and capital project announcements will be coming soon.

Executive Director Research, Marketing and Web Services – Kylie Rowe

Kylie introduced herself and updated the Senate on the activities in the departments she oversees. Institutional Research is creating a projection model to show what programs and services increase the likelihood of retention. Marketing and communications are ready to help with project requests. WebServices performed a web refresh to the website.

Administrative Report – Jeffrey Alexander, Vice President of Academic Affairs

Dr. Alexander provided a pre-recorded video of his report and Dean Natalie Russell attended to answer any questions.

Items in Dr. Alexander's report were the approval of the BAS in Business Management at the September BOR Meeting, the credit by portfolio process launching with a webpage for interested students, and Honorlock will be available as an additional proctoring tool.

Dr. Alexander noted Honorlock was added for distance learners residing both outside of Washoe County and Nevada, compliance with our accrediting body, and for future expected compliance with the federal Department of Education. There is no charge to students using Honorlock. Proctor U and Respondus will remain available.

Budget Update – Vice president of Finance and Government Relations – Mike Peyerl

The senate received updates on FY 24 closing, FY 25 overview; FY 26 and 27 biennium budget build update, and a government relations update for federal and state levels. Mike noted the biennium budget build is a request and will need to go through the Governor's recommendation and legislative actions.

Currently merit is available. The BOR could vote to suspend it at a later date though.

Standing Committee Reports

Academic Standards and Assessment Committee – Martha Johnson-Olin

The committee has discussed their charges, PURs, AI, the academic integrity policy, the mid-cycle report on assessment, findings from the AI listening session, and lead in statements to the GELO rubrics. The committee next meets on October 11, 2024.

Administrative Faculty Committee – Katie Paul

The committee has not met yet. The committee next meets September 20, 2024.

Curriculum Review Committee – Stephanie Mead

The committee has reviewed their charges and have reviewed courses which were approved on the Faculty Senate Consent agenda. The committee next meets October 4, 2024.

Learning Commons Committee – Fred Lokken

There is new staff in the WebCollege and Library. The committee would like to bring the Monster Panel back and possibly establish an event for colleagues to visit and share work. The committee next meets October 3, 2024.

Part-Time Faculty Committee – Matt van den Berg

The committee is ready to work with administration on implementing the PT Level I & II program. The committee will also fine-tune the part-time faculty directory and create a benefits available webpage. The committee next meets October 11, 2024.

Professional Standards Committee – Karen Wikander

The committee set priorities for the year and are currently discussing student evaluations. The committee next meets October 18, 2024.

Recognition and Activities – Olga Katkova

Jinger Doe gave Olga's report. The committee will continue with the Professional of the Month awardings, Distinguished Faculty Awards, Career Champions; and the People, Pets and Pumpkins contest. New donors have been found for the Distinguished Faculty Awards. The committee next meets October 9, 2024.

Salary, Benefits and Budget Committee – Bradley Summerhill

The committee has not met yet, but will be ready to discuss the merit pool and viable alternatives to the merit system this year. The committee next meets September 20, 2024.

WebCollege Faculty Advisory Committee – Frank Amankonah

The committee will focus on charge 2 and 3 of their committee charges this year. The committee next meets October 11, 2024.

Classified Council – Jen Friend

New Classified Council Bylaws are posted on the Classified Council webpages. The council representatives from each institution will meet with the Board of Regents to identify purpose and goals. Upcoming events are a bake sale on September 24 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and office decorating contest in October.

Student Government Association (SGA) – Lisha Allison

Edwin Yeboah reported the SGA hosted welcome back week at each campus location, will be participating in Sprit Day, will have a craft fair, attend the tailgate, participate in the KTMB Dandini clean-up, Pastries with the President, and a blood drive.

Old Business

None

New Business

The following items were brought forward as new business: possible examination of the add/drop policy and a land back grant to the local Washoe, Paiute, and Shoshone tribes.

Proposed Land Back Motion and background information: Several campuses across the U.S. have dedicated portions of their land for Native management, ownership, and outreach. To promote Indigenous stewardship of land, preserve cultural practices, and foster outreach and education for both Native and non-Native students of Northern Nevada, I would like to add this to the next meeting agenda for discussion of a similar program or 'land back' grant for our local Washoe, Paiute, & Shoshone tribes.

Motion to adjourn. Senator Ted Owens moved and Fe Danger seconded to adjourn the September 13, 2024 Faculty Senate Meeting. The senate approved the motion.

Meeting Adjourned: 2:37 p.m.

Next Meeting: October 11, 2024