



Truckee Meadows Community College

Faculty Senate Professional Standards Committee

MEETING MINUTES JAN. 31, 2025

10-11:30 a.m. via Zoom

Meeting called to order: 10:01 a.m.

In attendance: Lenaya Andersen (Chair), Kurt Ehlers, Laurel Harrison, Andy Hughes, Lars Jensen, Linda McGillicuddy, Jeff Olsen, Kofi Poku, Liz Prickett, Cecilia Vigil, Chris Westin

Absent: Vickie Abel, Rob Lively, Karen Cannan, Jim New, Itzel Woolpert

Guests: Amber Anaya, Maggie Eirenschmalz, Brad Summerhill

Approval of Minutes from November 22, 2024

Andy Hughes moved and Laurel Harrison seconded to approve the November 22, 2024 Professional Standards Committee Minutes. The committee approved the minutes.

Brad Summerhill – Joint Subcommittee on Merit Reform

Brad attended today's meeting to update the committee on the work done by the Salary, Benefits and Budget Committee (SBBC). Items he discussed were merit system development, a peer review option, reform of scaling mechanism (annual evaluation/points), and a definition of merit the SBBC agreed upon. The subcommittee would meet 2-3 times per semester. Please contact Lenaya or Brad if you would like to join the subcommittee. Chris Westin volunteered for the subcommittee.

Old Business

Student Course Evaluations: The committee discussed evaluations. Lenaya is gathering information/background on the student evaluations and is catching up with Elyssia Fraga. The committee will start a basic template. Lenaya will send out the current course evaluation questions to be reviewed before the next meeting. The committee will consider what makes sense and should be included.

New Business

A proposal was made by Lars to have student evaluations seen by the instructor only rather than supervisors/deans. This is in order to avoid the student evaluations being used punitively against the instructor. Lars also noted the evaluations are required per NSHE code.

Meeting adjourned: 10:54 a.m.

Next Meeting: 10-11:30 a.m., February 28, 2025