

Northland Pioneer College

College Council

02-08-09

- I. Welcome & roll call
 - A. Members in attendance: Blaine Hatch, Cindy Hutton, Mira White, Heidi Fulcher, Mary Mathias, Russell Dickerson, Leslie Collins, Tad Spader, Gary Mack, Diane Samarin, Tracy Chase
 - B. Guest: Jeanne Swarthout
- II. Adoption of Agenda
 - A. 02-08-09 College Council agenda adopted unanimously.
- III. Approval of 12-05-08 College Council minutes
 - A. Blaine moved to approve; second by Mary.
 - B. 12-05-08 minutes approved unanimously.
- IV. Public Comment
 - A. None
- V. Review requests received
 - A. Dr. Swarthout-- Can CC support NPC through the budget crisis?
 - i. Dr. Swarthout asked CC to lead or help in communication and rumor control within the college and communities and to serve as a conduit for new ideas on how to deal with the budget crisis.
 - ii. CC ideas for improved communication:
 - a) CC blog/area on NPC website—
 - TASK: Mira will work with Mindy to find out about blog options before next council meeting.
 - Website ideas: Current happenings with budget, link to Chronicle of Higher Education, link to other community colleges.
 - b) Short CC articles/announcements in WM Independent once a month--"Message from NPC's College Council". Would it be a PSA or a pay article?

- TASK: Gary Mack or Heidi Fulcher will talk to Everett Robinson.
- c) Open Space type meetings at individual campuses, campus brainstorming sessions.
- iii. Ideas from college/community are being posted on NPC's website and collected in various ways. It could possibly be part of CC's role to respond to ideas.
- iv. Is CC comfortable taking on these roles? Consensus: CC will discuss/ decide what they would like to do and get back to President Swarthout.
 - a) TASK: Russell to set up a discussion forum on MyNPC for CC members to discuss President Swarthout's request.

VI. Council Issues

A. Follow up Grievance Policy revision process

i. TASK: CC members read Grievance Policy posted online and post comments on MyNPC Discussion forum.

ii. TASK: Russell set up MyNPC Discussion forum for Grievance Policy comments.

B. Russell is resigning from CASO; therefore he will no longer be serving as a CASO representative on CC. That leaves a Co-Recorder vacancy.

- i. Mary Mathias will continue serving as a co-recorder. The new CASO representative will be asked to serve as a co-recorder as well. CC felt that it would be best not to have two faculty members as co-recorders.

C. Convocation feedback.

- i. Survey results posted on SurveyMonkey. Mixed reviews; most comments were positive.

D. All-College Picnic planning

- i. The picnic will be on April 24, 2009 beginning at 2pm. The college will close at noon to allow time for employees to gather their families and come to the picnic.
- ii. CASO is planning to have their retreat on the morning of the picnic in Snow Flake.
 - a) CC voiced concerns about whether CASO members traveling to attend the retreat would really want to drive home to pick up their families and drive back to Snow Flake for the picnic. The scheduling of the retreat could detract from the family participation in the picnic.
 - b) TASK: Mira to forward CC's concerns to CASO President, Suzanne Tresize. TASK: Russell to post picnic info on CC's MyNPC site.

VII. Standing Committee Reports

A. Enrollment Management Committee

- i. EMC has not met. Jake Hinton-Rivera not present to report. TASK: Heidi will follow-up with Jake.
- ii. Discussion: Does this group need more guidance/motivation? TASK: Heidi or Blaine will invite themselves to the next EMC meeting.

B. Employee Relations Committee [Cindy Hutton]

- i. Last meeting there was no quorum. Next meeting is scheduled for February 10th, but is subject to change.
- ii. Cindy Hutton suggested that her schedule may not be flexible enough to participate in ERC.
- iii. TASK: Heidi or Blaine to send letter to subcommittees asking them to have regularly scheduled meetings planned for the year, and that they report to CC on a regular basis.

VIII. NPC Faculty Association

- A. F.A. scheduled to meet with President Swarthout on Friday, February 20th.

IX. CASO Report [Mira White]

- A. CASO has met twice since their December meeting. An informal meeting was held after convocation, as there was no quorum.
- B. CASO is discussing fundraising ideas and ways to reduce their costs.

X. Student Government Association

- A. No SGA members present to give report.
- B. SGA is hosting a dance at SCC on February 20th. It will be open to NPC and area high school students. They are seeking faculty chaperones.
- C. Trevor Foster has resigned as SGA president. TASK: Contact Jake to find out who will be the next president.

XI. SPASC, HLC update [Blaine Hatch]

- A. Donna Ashcraft is drafting the self-study.
- B. Criterion 2 had the best submission and won WM Symphony Orchestra tickets.
- C. SPASC is starting to plan a post-HLC visit celebration.

XII. Identify member to report at next All-College meeting

- A. Mary Mathias will report at the February 20th meeting.

XIII. Confirm next meeting date

- A. Friday, March 6, 2009, Video 1, 1:30-3:30pm.
- B. Summer meeting schedule discussion. Last summer quorum was not reached. Consensus on how to meet this summer:
 - i. Teleconference. TASK: Mira will see if the number of open lines on a teleconference call can be increased. [x7479 conference line?]
 - ii. Switch to first Wednesdays because school will be closed on Fridays. Hold meetings from 2:30-4:00pm. First Wednesday dates: June 3rd, July 1st, August 5th.

Meeting adjourned.