

Leadership Council Meeting
February 25, 2021
1:30 pm
MINUTES

PRESENT:

William Brown
Katie Dempsey
Angie DeBraga
Amber Donnelly
Mardell Dorsa
Mary Doucette
Joyce Helens
George Kleeb
Joe Micke
Bret Murphy
Sonja Sibert
Jennifer Sprout
Karl Stevens
Jake Rivera
Kevin Seipp
Sarah Wilkey
Brian Zeiszler

- 1) President's Update – President Helens has been attending some legislative meetings and budget hearings. Yesterday's legislative session was interesting. There is an expected 12% cut, an amount that certainly would hurt all of the gains that we've had in the past seven or eight years. The formula funding was discussed at length. The institutional presidents were allowed to explain the potential impacts of a 12% cut. Among the budget cuts faculty are till lobbying for merit pay increases. A second hearing will be scheduled in early to mid-March. We will be monitoring other bills as they go through the session. President Helens reported the universities desperately want to go back to face to face as soon as possible. The universities are losing a lot of money when the students are not there in person. We still have to follow the governor's mandates. We have some live classes already with CTE and Nursing and maybe next spring we can introduce more face to face.
- 2) SGA Update
No report.
- 3) Faculty Senate Update- Brian Zeiszler briefly reported on the activities of some of the standing committees. The Bylaws committee is looking at restructuring the bylaws. The Comp and Benefits committee has been at a standstill trying to work on the multipliers' language. The Distant Ed committee is working on descriptions and duties. The Gen Ed committee is on hold until the strategic planning gets started. The Personnel committee is looking at evaluations and the ratings vs. ranking. The Strategic planning committee is looking to meet soon for the first time.

- 4) Classified Council Update - Sarah Wilkey stated she will be stepping down. Her last day will be on March 10.

- 5) Student and Academic Affairs Update

Karl Stevens has been working on the technology survey. The survey had 110 responses. It will be used for strategic planning.

Bret Murphy talked about the curricular review process and that all areas are following through on the recommendations of the Curricular review committee. He has been working on an apprenticeship program with NSHE. There have been concerns with the tuition cost of the Machining program based at the Pahrump high school and the NSHE apprentice program could help with the costs.

- 6) Business Affairs Update – Sonja Sibert reported it has been challenging tracking the vaccinations of employees and students. We are moving forward, however.
- 7) Communications Update – Jennifer Sprout reported on the graduation committee plans for a live virtual event on May 22. They are looking at vendors with the right technology to do that. There will be a virtual career fair through the GBC website on March 31 and April 1. Businesses from all over Nevada have been invited to participate. She reported project requests have quadrupled for media services. She is excited that more departments are taking advantage of what her office can offer.