

Faculty Senate Chairs in attendance were: Dr. Richard L. Jasoni, DRI; Dr. Abby Peters, NSC; Ms. Janet Stake, System Administration; Mr. Mike Holmes, TMCC; Dr. Janis McKay, UNLV; and Mr. Douglas Unger, Chair, Council of Faculty Senate Chairs. Student Body Presidents in attendance were: Ms. Alexandra Patri, TMCC; and Ms. Tamara Guinn, UNR-GSA.

Chair Lieberman called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. with all members present except for Vice Chair Moran and Regent McAdoo.

1. Information Only-Public Comment – None.
2. Approved-Minutes – The Committee recommended approval of the minutes from the November 30, 2018, meeting

Regent Perkins moved approval of the minutes from the November 30, 2018, meeting. Regent Carter seconded. Motion carried. Vice Chair Moran and Regent McAdoo were absent.

3. Information Only-Remarks from the Chair – Chair Sam Lieberman provided general remarks on activities and updates since the last meeting of the Committee. He noted that with the Cultural Diversity Committee meetings now occurring twice per year, he is working with the NSHE Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Council (EDIC) and the Hispanic Serving Institution Task Force (HSI) to facilitate opportunities for more community dialogue, the first of which will be an HSI Convening this fall.
4. Information Only-Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Council – YeVonne Allen, Program Manager, Equity and Inclusion Office, TMCC, and EDIC Chair, reported on the recent work of the Council including a presentation of updates regarding the outcome from the EDIC Retreat, the Closing the Achievement Gap Summit, Preferred Name Resolution, and Policy for Information and Communications (ICT) Accessibility discussion

Chair Lieberman thanked Ms. Allen for her service as the EDIC Chair, partnering with the System on the Achievement Gap issues and her work at TMCC.

5. Information Only-NSHE Hispanic Serving Institution Task Force – Clarissa Cota, HSI Task Force Chair, CSN/NSHE, provided an update on Task Force activities and a summary of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities Capitol Forum 2019 convening in Washington, D.C.

Ms. Cota also extended an invitation to the Committee for the October 3, 2019,

5. Information Only-NSHE Hispanic Serving Institution Task Force –

HSI Convening at the CSN North Las Vegas campus. At this event, there will be discussions on the alignment of HSI and MSI initiatives on the NSHE campuses, along with an orientation of these efforts for NSHE leadership and community partners.

Chair Lieberman thanked Ms. Cota for bringing EDIC, HSI and the Cultural Diversity Committee closer together. He also thanked Ms. Cota for creating the concept of the HSI summit, which will bring the NSHE's vision and mission to the outside n to

8. Information Only-NSC Office of Community Engagement and Diversity Initiatives – Amey Evaluna, Program Manager, Office of Community Engagement and Diversity Initiatives, NSC, and Laura Obrist, Academic Advisor, NSC, provided a presentation on the College’s homeless and foster youth initiatives. Their presentation was followed by an update on NSC’s Men of Color work by Vincent Nava, Program Coordinator

Chair Lieberman thanked the NSC representatives for their presentations and commented that by implementing these initiatives, NSC is setting a trend for diversity and inclusion that he hopes will continue to grow within the System. He discussed that some time ago, UNLV had partnered with the Clark County School District to implement the Hope Scholars Program which assists unaccompanied homeless youth in Clark County to secure housing, academic and financial support while attending UNLV. He was proud to share that the program is currently thriving at UNLV. Chair Lieberman also thanked Board leadership and the Chancellor’s Office for the work on hiring staff to assist the foster students and homeless youth within the System.

Regent Carter asked if there was a boost in foster youth enrollment in the spring 2019 semester. Ms. Obrist answered there was somewhat of a small increase in enrollment due to the enrollment fee waiver. Also, with the implementation of the fee waiver, NSC has set up a system to assist students with completing the enrollment fee waiver form and navigating the initial steps in

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10. Information Only-New Business –

dialogue on student-specific issues.

Regent Perkins noted that continued dialogue is needed to identify and explore the removal of barriers to education for homeless youth, such as the Foster Youth Fee Waiver not being available to undocumented students.

11. Information Only-Public Comment – None.

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 a.m.

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