

Tunxis CFT Minutes
 October 6, 2020
 2:45pm via WebEx



In attendance: Colleen Richard, Michelle Saindon, Sue Lounsbury, Debbie Bradford, Carianne Garside, Tatiana Machado, Marc Zimmerman, Mark Milewski, Hendree Milward, Jackie Decker, Sam Kapros, Amanda Burkhart

1) **News from Statewide CFT:**

- We now have Tayna Miller as our Assistant VP of Teaching and Learning. She is putting together Teaching and Learning counsel. Sharon Gusky now talks with Tanya who talks with Jane Gates. She is also overseeing system wide tutoring and is responsible for the strategic plan for one college 2023.
- ISWs will be virtual. They will run over the course of 3 weeks instead of 3 days. Sharon Gusky will attend the International ISW conference this week to get more information about best practices for online ISW.
- Spirit of Teaching is on October 23. 70 people have signed up already. Mark Milewski is on staff.
- Pathways is on November 20 with a theme of ‘Unconscious Bias’. Valerie Alexander will present.

2) **Virtual Themed Events for Fall:**

Date	Topic	Presenters
September 16 2:20 – 3:20	Tech questions? Fire away! No one attended. We will increase our marketing.	Marc Zimmerman. and Carianne Garside
September 28	Online and LRON: Share your wacky stories – 13 participants. Wacky stories and ways to engage students were shared.	Tatiana Machado and Mark Milewski
October 12 th , 2:30 – 3:30	Surveys and Polls: We will make a poll to advertise.	Michelle Saindon and Sue Lounsbury
October. 29 th , 3:00-4:00	Halloween social – Jackie shared her flyer. We will have Amazon gift cards for costume prizes in 7 categories.	Jackie Decker and Colleen Richard
November 18 th , 2:30 – 3:30	Gratitude: Carianne shared a Gratitude link	Colleen Richard
Week of December 7th	Retrospective: Lessons Learned – What worked!	
	TBD	Hendree Milward

Spring 2021	Ideas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Humor in the LRON classroom • What are we looking forward to in 2021? • Information that we can record for everyone to use and watch on their own time. • Share Tunxis Tribe information 	
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- 3) **Teaching Squares** – We have 2 English faculty (Marc Z and Mat G) that have teamed up to observe each other’s classes. Colleen and 2 other faculty have joined each other’s course shells to share ideas.
- 4) **Online Instructors Group** – The newsletter is going out to all faculty and adjuncts since we are all online teachers now. Hendree has been sharing questions and answers from the Expert Army.
- 5) **Monday CFT Notes** are full of good information and Colleen gets great feedback from it.
- 6) **New Faculty Orientation**- Jorge Gonzales (CIS) and Lauren Heron (Dental). Colleen put together a new faculty orientation program for them including advising with Kelley (10/8) and the Academic Support and Tutoring Center (10/20).
- 7) **Student Success Panel** – We could have students film video segments for how to be a successful student in this environment. Mike Zych can put it together. Mark Zimmerman said that PTK was talking about doing a similar thing.
- 8) **Go2Knowledge**: How can we make better use of this resource? (from Ruth at NVCC) Online community of learners from our 12 community colleges!
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Sample Webinar Titles:

- *Best Practices for Student Success in Developmental Education
- *Creating Tests that Assess Higher Order Thinking Skills
- *Diversity, Inclusivity and Civility: Developing and Enhancing Students' Cultural Competence
- *Supporting First-Generation Students: Providing Access, Maximizing Student Achievement & Increasing Persistence
- *The New "At-Risk" Student Seminar: Increasing Retention, Success & Institutional Support

- 9) Discussion: We can still use tx-employees to promote CFT events and resources. Faculty, adjuncts and staff should all be included.
- 10) Discussion: Meetings are being scheduled during common hour which conflict with club meetings and CFT events. We need to revisit common hour (maybe the 1st and 3rd vs. 2nd and 4th weeks). “We are always sucked into the vast committee meetings of life”.

Submitted by Michelle Saindon