

COLLEGE COUNCIL

MEETING INFORMATION

TITLE	College Council		
DATE	September 19, 2025	TIME	9am – 10:30am
LOCATION	EGF 301, TRF 461F	RECORDER	Topanga Brown
TRI-CHAIRS	Heather Koland, Shari Olson, Adam Paulson		
PARTICIPANTS	Members: Kirsten Michalke, Maura Nelson, Brian Larson , Abdul Chamma, Ron Dvergsten, Shannon Nelson, Michelle Benitt, Amanda Johnson, Alyssa Montgomery , Erin Bulger, Trisha Stromstedt , Topanga Brown, and Katlyn Tamaalii		

I = Info, D = Discussion, A = Action

MINUTES

TYPE	AGENDA ITEM	ACTION TAKEN
I	Check-In	
I/D	Current Proposal Requests: FY25 Carry Forward Proposals – Status Update (Handout) - Shari	1. Discussed Carry Forward Proposals. See attachment for more information- Handout #1. FY25 Carryforward Proposals.xlsx
I/D	Committee Updates: 1. Advancing Equity - Kirsten 2. Well-Being Work Group – Becca/Topanga	1. Advancing Equity -There is a large African population on EGF campus, however, many are not coded as international students. Flags on campuses do not represent all students due to lack of space. Idea to have map with lights to represent where past and present students are from. -Speaker from last semester was not largely attended. Ideas to host more interactive events- poverty simulation. States there are grand funds available, but need more ideas to increase engagement. Idea to have traveling Somali exhibit from the Twin Cities come to campus. -Mental Health First Aid had 31 participants. Faculty and staff requested not having students mixed in. Funds are being requested to host this event again in the future. -Pioneer Pantry/Hunger Free Campus grant in the works. Button available at both campuses to track use. There is a winter clothing drive at both EGF and TRF campuses. Boxes will be set outside of both offices of the president. Student Senate is set to participate in this. -Charlie Kirk killing- Questioned wellbeing of students and staff. Resources were listed in President's Newsletter.

		<p>2. Wellbeing Workgroup</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Eight dimensions of wellness, one each month. September is physical wellness. 200 participants in step challenge and will end December 11th with celebration and awards. -Working with local vendor to get contract for gentle yoga and stretch sessions on campus. Fall is a trial run to see interest. Asked student senate to match the President's Office financial contribution. -October is financial wellness and will be hosting open labs to help students fill out scholarship applications. Action- Adam to be a part of scholarship lab. -Encouraged people to join the Wellbeing Workgroup if interested.
I/D	Open Agenda:	<p>1. Fan Van for Sporting Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One third of the volleyball team drives from EGF to TRF for practice and games. Would need a driver and to promote. - Promotion ideas; faculty to share in class, put onto screens on campuses, posters on tables in café, at Karen's desk, life size posters of players, white-out at game with free t-shirts. Friday, October 24th vs Rainy River Community College in Thief River Falls, MN at 6:30 PM is last home game of volleyball season. Action- Topanga to contact leads for commitment/follow through. <p>2. EGF Library- No quiet spaces. Student flex rooms are not accessible without key. Study rooms have open paneling at top of wall which allows sound to travel through. Expressed need for sound proof study rooms. Idea to change parent rooms/family rooms to be available to all students. Countered due to name not being able to change and the fact that some students will spend open to close in rooms. Action- Amanda to create proposal.</p> <p>3. Carpentry Foundation crawlspace recommended proposal.</p>
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NEXT MEETING		
DATE	October 24, 2025	TIME 9am – 10:30am LOCATION EGF 301, TRF 461F