

COLLEGE COUNCIL

MEETING INFORMATION

TITLE	College Council		
DATE	October 24, 2025	TIME	9am – 10:30am
LOCATION	EGF 301, TRF 461F	RECORDER	Topanga Brown
TRI-CHAIRS	Shari Olson, Adam Paulson		
PARTICIPANTS	Members: Kirsten Michalke, Maura Nelson, Brian Larson, Abdul Chamma, Ron Dvergsten, Shannon Nelson, Heather Koland , Michelle Benitt , Amanda Johnson , Alyssa Montgomery, Erin Bulger , Trisha Stromsodt, and Topanga Brown Guest: Joseph Agboko		

I = Info, **D** = Discussion, **A** = Action

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TYPE	AGENDA ITEM	ACTION TAKEN
I	Check-In	
I/D	-Northland Lecture Series Proposal- Joseph	Joseph was absent due to trainings. Council discussed opinions about proposal and opted to invite Joseph to the next meeting. Caleb Curffman is doing something similar for his PhD and could have ideas. Potential speakers: Caleb Curffman, John Burkel, Jim Havlot, Peter Solum, Howard Brockhouse, and attendees from the State of the College event. Members to serve on this: Kirsten, Adam, Alyssa, and Trisha.
I/D	Committee Updates: 1. Advancing Equity - Kirsten 2. Well-Being Work Group – Becca/Topanga	<p>Advancing Equity Update-</p> <p>-Northwest Regional Conference happened last week. 7 regions gathered to share best practice. BSU is now offering indigenous programs/classes. Questioned how Northland can get access to this.</p> <p>-MNState has a new form for students asking about needs and interests. MSU has 23 model retention strategies. Action-Becca to reach out to MSU for them.</p> <p>-We received a welcoming grant of \$10,000 for TRF and EGF campuses. International student club and events have sparked ideas.</p> <p>-Mental Health First Aid funding has been approved on both campuses for students. December 5th in TRF and February 13th for EGF.</p> <p>Well-Being Workgroup Updates-</p> <p>-Yoga/meditation sessions will begin soon on both campuses by PRANA Wellness. Scholarship labs will also be hosted on both campuses.</p>

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I/D	Open Agenda:	<p>-Kirsten is working to receive more grants for the college.</p> <p>-Topanga and Becca are working to improve student engagement on both campuses for events.</p> <p>-First Generation Student Celebration on November 13th for both campuses.</p> <p>-Thank you from Shari to groups for their hard work.</p>
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NEXT MEETING		
DATE	November 21, 2025	TIME 9am – 10:30am LOCATION EGF 301, TRF 461F