

COLLEGE COUNCIL

MEETING INFORMATION

TITLE	College Council		
DATE	January 9 th , 2026	TIME	10am – 11am
LOCATION	EGF 301, TRF 461F	RECORDER	Shari Olson
CHAIR	Adam Paulson		
PARTICIPANTS	Members: Kirsten Michalke, Maura Nelson , Brian Larson, Abdul Chamma, Ron Dvergsten, Shannon Nelson, Heather Koland, Amanda Johnson, Alyssa Montgomery , Erin Bulger, Trisha Stromsodt , Stacey Hron, and Topanga Brown Guest: John Fields, Chad Sperling		

I = Info, D = Discussion, A = Action

MINUTES		
TYPE	AGENDA ITEM	ACTION TAKEN
I	Check-In	All members provided a check-in; We were reminded about how farmers have been hit hard this year with the decline in commodity prices.
I/D	1. Needed Webmaster Position Proposal- John Fields and Ruth L. 2. Strategic Marketing and Recruitment Space Proposal- Chad Sperling	1. John Fields gave an overview of the proposal submitted on behalf of the Allied Health Division: A request for the college to hire a webmaster. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. web master work is currently included in Chad's and Karleen's Position description. -currently spend \$30-40K on "agency" web support (vendor) and \$5K on web server hosting (vendor). <p>Council Members Proposed: Chad will work with the web developers to design a beta test option for Heather Koland to edit the Respiratory Therapy webpages.</p> <p>Next Meeting: January 23rd, Chad will bring back to the College Council a <u>Content Management System (CMS) model</u>, which will involve employees as "content owners" in the updating of program pages.</p> 2. Chad Sperling gave an overview of the proposal submitted on behalf of the Marketing and Recruiting Team. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Request for Offices, Storage, and open-air studio space on both campuses, including a green screen, camera, and lighting

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. EGF – utilize the e-Sports room to create the office and open-air studio space for recording. c. TRF – Utilize the Records Retention room, now that we have downsized our record collection, as well as move it to the Library storage area. d. This will provide a dedicated space on both campuses for video creation – interviews and documentaries. e. College recently interviewed for the position of Videographer f. Unanimous support to recommend this project for president approval. 			
I/D	Committee Updates: 1. Advancing Equity - Kirsten 2. Well-Being Work Group – Becca/Topanga	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) EGF – event being planned “Celebrating Cultures”, Spring Semester, Grant-Funded b) Mental Health First Aid – TRF student – Dec. 2025; EGF students – Feb. 2026. c) Committee is reviewing the MSUM evidenced-based retention strategies. a) 1 Million Step Challenge – successful event; included 180 student and employee participants. Served many on-line students. b) Look to repeat this event each semester. 			
I/D	Open Agenda:	History of the College – As we go through the records retention spaces on each campus, we are finding pieces of our history. We are working to retain these documents to continue building the history of the college. Assignment: Look for the Northern Lights Newspaper (check the library).			
I	Check Out				
NEXT MEETING					
DATE	January 23 rd , 2026	TIME	9am – 10:30am	LOCATION	EGF 301, TRF 461F