
In Attendance

Brian Trager, Catherine Clark, Denise Kavin, Scot Atkins, Troy Olivier, Erin Auble, James Fugate, Clayton Ide, Annemarie Ross, Gerry Buckley, Gary Behm

Absent: Patrick Graham

Chair's Report – Brian Trager

Gerry Buckley and Gary Behm came to the meeting and had an open Q & A session with the NFC representatives

1. Updates on Congress and Information on NTID's budget
 - A. 73% of our budget comes from Congress
 - B. Expecting flat funding for a while with congress, no increase
 - C. If there are cuts, then we do have plans in place if that happens
 - D. Don't think this will happen, but if there is a 9% cut, then might have to freeze hiring, but again – doubtful.
 - E. Congress will vote/approve budget on March 22nd. Once Gerry finds out what we will be getting from Congress, more information will be forthcoming in terms of our budget.
2. What NTID/administration/faculty is dealing with right now.
 - A. 30 states have free community college now
 1. We need to work with VR
 2. Encourage NTID to offer more certificate options – be more competitive in terms of program offerings!
 - A. Be open to new opportunities but also be mindful of the skill sets and budget for it
 - B. Encourage top faculty to take sabbaticals to develop new skills or do scholarships
 1. Be creative with curriculums. You can do stand-alone curriculums
 - C. Need to start hiring more TT faculty, too many lecturers
 1. Strongly lecturers to go for their doctorate, there is funding for that. 20k for lecturers who go for their doctorate
 2. NTID just approved their first Professor of Practice (POP) and this person will be housed under MSSE
 - D. Workload Guidelines is going well
 1. Wants to give Matt Dye (our new Associate Dean of Research) time to review the guidelines and work on the scholarship aspect of it before making it official.
3. Renovations
 - A. Engineering Precision Machining Tech room – The floor needs to be replaced in LBJ-1625.
 - B. NLC will become 4 classrooms
 1. Will be the same concept as the first floor classrooms of LBJ.

2. Construction will start at the end of summer 2024
- C. Major renovations since 1973
1. Will renovate academic space before moving on to office space
 2. Gerry aims for the design of space here to look like it does over at Cybersecurity institute
 3. Academic Advisors/Counselors will be relocated to their respective departments – not in its own department.
 4. NFC representatives want more transparency in terms of renovations as this is something we should be excited about!

4. Adjournment

NOTE: Agendas are subject to alteration by Representative action. For example, items scheduled for discussion only could come to a vote if a Representative calls the question and 2/3 or more of the NFC agrees.