**Tri-Council Meeting Notes Wednesday, November 20, 2013**

In attendance: Naya Gabriel, Tom Walsh, Jeff Butera, Carolyn Strycharz, Adrianna Perry, Chris Jarvis,

**What is Tri-Council and how do we facilitate communication?**

Reps from each group reports out to their constituency (via faculty meeting, staff meeting, student meetings).

Are we making policy or making recommendations? Or something entirely different?

**TC responsibilities include: Meet to discuss important campus concerns and make recommendations.** (from the charge)

Smoking as an issue - there was a report written and TC should get a copy of that.

At Hampshire Student Union meeting on 11/19 there was a discussion re: smoking. Students feel there has been a lot of discussion but nothing really done. FB page regarding this has gotten fairly ugly so students are hesitant to get into un-facilitated discussions about the topic. Student smoking in dorms, particularly now that the weather is changing, is an issue.

UMass now has a ban. Smith is close to starting one. Amherst has the same policy as us but the responsibility to enforce is on the supervisor.

Some issues, like the possible smoking ban must be student driven.

Two things going forward:

TC survey

Focus more on enforcing the existing policy

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Meeting minutes, posting and research (maybe outreach and marketing too!):

Student needing CEL-1? Jeff willing to fill the gap and will announce on the CEL-1 website.

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Scheduling and attendance at Tri-Council meeting: We will stick with Wednesdays 1 to 2 PM in the community council room

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Updates from each constituency of the Tri-Council

(what each area is discussing and/or hearing as issues to address)

**Student Update**:

Smoking

Drug and alcohol policy

Enforcement of these

Tavern act: revitalize the tavern and make it a 24 hour accessible open space

Barn act: a way to use some student funds for furniture for the barn. For students and run by students

**Staff Update:**

SAC mtg with HR about exempt and non-exempt and recent changes.

Bathroom signs

**Faculty updates:**

Admissions, budgets, fundraising, workload, occupy racism (teach in, cancel classes, what does that look like?)

Staff-Faculty associates - what does that look like? Co teach, 3 yr contract, reviewed

Instructor, Adjunct, professorship?

Next meeting: December 4 at 1:00 PM.