

## College Council Minutes 2/11/2026

Caleb Martin (Chair), Dr. Rachel Solemsaas (Ex-Officio), Meseret Tesfaye, Jessica Logan, Justina Rompogren, Andy Buchanan, Barbara Smith, Roberta Lord, Etzon Gutierrez, Gretta Hitimana, Melissa Allen, Megan Valerio, Ali Al Khuzaim, Casey Saunders, Amal Al Faiz, Arnulfo Ramirez, John M Davis, Alissa Agnello, Neal Parker, Jill Lane (Guest), Toni Stankovic (Ex-Officio), Claire Peinado (Ex-Officio)

Meeting start at 3:05pm

- A. Dec 10<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes
  - a. John motions to approve, Meseret seconds | Motion passes
- B. Jan 15<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes
  - a. Request to amend document to list members who attended meeting (Ali) and who motioned to approve RAP Rubric (Zoey & Meseret) as it wasn't noted the first time.
- C. Chair Report
  - a. Meeting date for College Council will stay on Wednesday's instead of being adjusted for Winter Quarter
  - b. The upcoming election Vice Chair will be opening soon; they can either be nominations for other members or self-nominations. The current Vice-Chair will transition to the Chair position.
- D. Discussion / vote on [Core Theme choices](#) based off of the presented Core Themes:  
[Core Themes first reading](#)
  - a. Request to amend proposal to create taskforce at North to adapt the current Core Themes to the new standards while attempting to maintain the north-centric aspect of the old Core Themes
  - b. Survey was sent out to Exempt NR to gauge which option they would prefer and per the results, a majority of people preferred sticking with option 1, with option 3 as a second option, with little votes for option 2
  - c. Vote tallies; Option 3 (Build upon existing core themes, including current titles that aligns with district goals) passes with the majority of votes:
    - i. Option 1: 6 votes for
    - ii. Option 2: 3 votes for
    - iii. Option 3: 8 votes for**
    - iv. Abstains: 3 votes for
      - 1. Creation of taskforce necessary, 2 reps per constituency needed by Friday (2/20) of next week.

- a. Virtual modality, 2-3 meetings of an hour each with strong possibility of asynchronous work
- b. Q: Would it be possible for messaging to go out from college council about this taskforce? A: Yes

E. Discussion and vote on [FY 2026 Budget Solutions](#), presented by Dr. Rachel

- a. Meseret motions to vote, Casey seconds motion | Vote 14 yes votes , 7 abstentions , 0 no votes
  - i. Motion passes
- b. Q: Question on money being reallocated from AFS and Lab fees and BeDA EL civics, and whether its being taken from programs? A: Yes but for one part (Beda) has in the past supported part-time faculty costs. However, due to federal changes, we didn't think it would be approved for us to receive. Now that we confirmed its availability, we would like to redirect PT cost to this federal grant.
- c. Q: With the Wellness Center, for example, [regarding the \$60k reallocation from here, [FY 2026 Budget Solutions](#)] is that \$ from fees for membership? A: Megan has a series of revenue sources that includes fees, special grants from student government, and not just student fees, but also community fees and employee fees. Based on that, she will help cover her costs. And so, in reviewing current revenues and current expenditures with Megan to see if we can redirect one time fund transfers, it is identified that \$60,000 can be available to help cover the increase in utility costs.
- d. Q: It was asked whether the \$25K of the lab fees, the science and art lab fees could be transferred to help cover costs because it was my understanding, per the WAC that we need to put that directly back into those programs and they can't be used for the kind things we're doing here (the use of applicable lab fees to cover some of North's budget deficit), so I don't know if you have any clarification on that? A: Yeah, we have to work with the Deans and Pete to identify which lab fees have been identified that we can redirect, and then we'll have to look into our operating budget to identify which expenditure can be eligible based on that description, so we are hoping that there's at least \$25,000.

F. Discussion and vote on [Guidelines for using large distribution lists](#)

- a. Q: Was this document shown to CC before? A: Yes, and this document isn't necessarily new and has been the functioning guidelines for North, but this is just an official attempt to codify those guidelines.
- b. Caleb motions to vote on distribution list, Ali seconds motion 16 yes votes, 3 abstentions, 0 no votes

- i. Motion passes
- G. Presentation on [Proposed Institutional Priorities for district goals & budget priorities](#) FY 27' and [Preliminary Fy 2027 Budget Task and Timelines](#) by Dr. Rachel for first reading.
  - a. Q: What do you mean by the staff that had transitioned? A: Last year we eliminated 26 vacant positions and had 13 layoffs, and as part of those layoffs some staff due to their contracts had to have their vacation paid out prior to separation.
  - b. Presentation / first reading on [NSC Guidelines on Committees, Councils, Taskforces](#) by Jill Lane
  - c. Q: How often do you reference the Washington Administrative Code? A: Some SCD policies have corresponding RCW or WAC. If so, it is noted accordingly.
- H. Presentation / first reading on [Caucus sense-making Taskforce Charter](#) by Neal Parker
  - a. Q: When the taskforce meets, what info do they want? A: Model off of faculty's information received, but have open access to all types of information
  - b. Q: To confirm, we're convening two taskforces? When are we convening them? Yes but the 1st taskforce is next week; 2nd one won't be voted on until March
- I. Presentation / first reading on [Student Recruitment Team Charter](#) by Dr. Rachel. The taskforce has already convened last year but this is to ensure College Council moving forward are approving all committees, councils and taskforces.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 4:29pm by Caleb, seconded by Jessica