

January 31, 2018 Faculty Meeting Minutes – FINAL

Faculty Chair Steve Blakeslee opened the meeting at 3:15 p.m. with a review of the agenda.

Minutes from the January 17, 2018 Faculty Meeting were approved as distributed.

Potential New Master’s Program in International Community Organizing and Social Activism – Steve provided an overview of the voting rules for items such as this that have been deemed major by the Agenda Committee. This is the second of two discussions required for a major vote, the first having taken place December 6, 2017. David McAvity provided an overview of the program and the decision-making timeline. He suggested that it is particularly important for faculty to consider this program in the context of the College’s mission and the curriculum offered. A question and answer session followed. A motion was made and seconded on the following proposal:

That Evergreen offer a new program for a Master of Arts degree in Community Organizing and Social Advocacy/International Development and Services.

Debate on the merits of the proposal ensued. A quorum of 50 faculty was met with 63 voting members present. The motion passed with 50 in favor, 2 against, and 9 abstaining. The proposal will continue to go through a vetting process, including further financial and workload feasibility, as well as review by the Board of Trustees and Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities.

First-Year Experience Work Group – Work Group co-chairs Trevor Speller and Jadon Berry provided an update on the work that has already occurred and that which is upcoming. Trevor reminded faculty of the opportunity to participate in a learning outcomes workshop presented by Jillian Kinzie and that work group members would be visiting planning unit meetings to seek input on learning outcomes.

Announcements:

- Therese Saliba provided background information on “Classroom Management and Disruption Guidelines,” a document prepared by the deans and distributed to faculty at the meeting.
- Lester Krupp provided information on All-Campus Mentoring Day and asked for faculty to share this with their students.
- Greg Mullins encouraged attendees to attend a retirement reception in honor of college archivist Randy Stilson’s 29 years of service.
- Sandy Yannone asked faculty to refer students to an upcoming writing tutor information session.
- Jen Drake expressed appreciation for the quality of today’s conversation and asked that faculty attend next Monday’s State of the College address and the week six faculty meeting, where she and the deans will engage the group in a conversation about enrollment projections and the impact on the 18-19 curriculum. She also invited faculty to contact her if they are interested in having conversation with her and other colleagues.