

## October 5, 2016 Faculty Meeting Minutes – FINAL

Faculty Chair Liza Rognas opened the meeting at 3:09 p.m. with an overview of the hiring of faculty and senior administrators occurring this year and a request for faculty to continue to participate fully in governance.

**Agenda Committee Introductions and Rules of Order** -- Liza introduced this year's Agenda Committee members and announced the rules of order being followed in Faculty Meetings will be a modified version of Robert's Rules, as displayed in brief on a "placemat" prepared by Steven Hendricks. Agenda Committee member Michael Vavrus provided an overview of the Rules.

### Announcements

- Naima Lowe announced a recent declaration by the United Nations that the United States and its people provide reparations to African Americans. She additionally provided an update on the ongoing hardships being faced by Andre Thompson and Bryson Chaplin and their family, including possible homelessness of their family.
- Zoltan Grossman announced an upcoming procession to educate the public about the use of Olympia's port to supply oil fracking in North Dakota.
- Therese Saliba announced an Olympia Arab Festival occurring this weekend.
- Michael, the Outreach Coordinator for the Clean Energy Committee announced a fund available to faculty and student projects.
- Abby Kelso invited faculty to the scholarship brunch on October 15<sup>th</sup> and Return to Evergreen that directly follows.
- Andrew Reece reminded faculty of the search currently underway for two dean positions and encouraged nominations and applications.
- Dylan Macardican announced that the GSU is up and running and that they would love to have a faculty representative at their meetings.
- EJ Zita announced opportunities to meet with her about port operations.
- Marja Eloheimo introduced Jinghua Zhang, who is a visiting scholar from China with us this year.
- Suzanne Simons announced that faculty Dinners for Eight are occurring again this year.
- Kelly Schrader announced that there will be an online Title IX training that faculty and all other responsible employees are required to complete. An e-mail will follow with additional information and instructions.
- Liza announced that the Agenda Committee's governance work is proceeding and faculty will soon receive their assignments.

**New Faculty Introductions** – Therese introduced this year's new faculty.

**Equity and Diversity Council** – Co-chair Phyllis Esposito announced that the Council had a retreat this summer and is currently completing an action plan for this year.

**Vice President for Equity and Inclusion** – Search committee chair Carolyn Prouty provided an update on the search, including research that was conducted this summer. She indicated a firm will be hired this fall and there will be opportunities to provide input on the position in winter quarter, with campus interviews likely occurring in early spring.

**Academic Statement Initiative: Fifth Year Assessment** – Trevor Speller began with information on student participation and then thanked the Mentor Council members who put in much work this summer. He indicated that faculty who have students who did not attend the academic orientation sessions will soon receive an e-mail notifying them of who those students are. Council member Laura Coghlan conducted a quiz with the goal of checking the faculty's understanding of some of the major tenets of the Initiative. Co-Chairs Pauline Yu and Shaw Osha provided an overview of the assessment work that is taking part this year, the fifth year of the Academic Statement Initiative. Trevor fielded questions and reminded faculty to continue to provide feedback to the Mentor Council.

Liza closed the meeting at 5:03 p.m.