

May 31, 2017 Faculty Meeting Minutes – FINAL

Faculty Chair Liza Rognas opened the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

Anne Fischel and Therese Saliba followed to acknowledge the difficult time the campus is experiencing and asked for faculty to be patient and encouraged them to be involved. Anne introduced a statement being authored by Elizabeth Williamson and Julie Russo inviting other faculty to sign on in support of the demands some of the students are making. Anne also invited faculty to engage in community building that puts justice and equity at the center. Therese encouraged all faculty to come out for graduation and reminded faculty that e-mails are public records going well beyond the campus. She also encouraged faculty to fill out a card to identify support needed and skills that could be offered to this work.

Vice President and Vice Provost for Equity and Inclusion Candidates Discussion and Deliberations – The strengths and challenges of the three candidates were discussed to inform the deliberations of the search committee.

Faculty Emeritae/Emeriti Nominations (*continued*) – The following retiring faculty member's Faculty Emerita nomination was unanimously confirmed by voice vote (the nomination was delivered at the May 24, 2017 Faculty Meeting but the meeting ended before the vote took place):

- Theresa Aragon (nominated by Tom Womeldorff)

The following retiring faculty were nominated for Faculty Emeritae/Emeriti status, all unanimously confirmed by voice vote:

- Anne Fischel (nominated by Therese Saliba)
- Martha Henderson (nominated by Zoltan Grossman)
- Stephanie Kozick (nominated by Rose Jang)
- Doug Schuler (nominated by John Baldrige)
- Ann Storey (nominated by Susan Preciso)
- Michael Vavrus (nominated by Jon Davies)

The following announcements were made:

- Liza provided a reminder of the remembrances of Kabby Mitchell III in Olympia and Tacoma.
- Therese announced that the deadline to sign up for summer institutes will be extended.
- Ruth Hayes extended an invitation to her program's gallery exhibit.
- Rose Jang invited faculty to her program's theater performances.
- Jenny Murtagh invited faculty to take a copy of next year's common read.
- Pauline Yu invited faculty to sign up for summer institutes focused on the common read, Bryan Stevenson's *Just Mercy*.
- Sarah Williams invited faculty to food justice workshops organized by alumna Laurel Smith.
- Anne indicated she and others would remain in this space to discuss graduation safety and the statement mentioned at the top of the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m.