

October 4, 2017 Faculty Meeting Minutes – FINAL

Faculty Chair Steve Blakeslee opened the meeting at 3:23 p.m. with a welcome and preview of the agenda.

Minutes – Faculty Meeting Minutes for May 10, May 24, and May 31, 2017 were approved.

Introductions – Faculty Agenda Committee members and the academic deans introduced themselves. Therese Saliba, Academic Dean for Faculty Hiring and Development, introduced the new faculty. Steve introduced the new Vice President and Vice Provost for Equity and Inclusion Chassity, Holliman-Douglas, and the new Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Jennifer Drake.

Rules of Order – Steve announced that the rules of order for the year will be a modified version of Robert's Rules of Order, as described in a worksheet, created by Steven Hendricks and Brian Walter, that was distributed.

Other Housekeeping – Steve provided information on how to get an item on the agenda, including sending an e-mail to agendacommitteedl@evergreen.edu. He further indicated the governance assignments made to date were e-mailed out this morning and that if faculty have not yet been assigned, there are still opportunities.

Student Work – A short video compiled by Shannon Scott, a student in Rebecca Chamberlain's summer program Astronomy and Cosmology, was played.

Changes to the All Faculty & Staff DL – Steve opened this added agenda item and invited David McAvity, who is serving on an electronic communications workgroup, to explain the interim changes to the all faculty, all staff, and all faculty/staff distribution lists (DLs). Discussion followed. Zoltan Grossman moved for a straw vote on the question of whether the access to the All Faculty DL could be restored during the workgroup's review process (fall and winter quarters). A straw vote took place, first by voice vote and then by hand. The majority of faculty voted in the affirmative.

Academic Retreat Debrief – Steve invited participants to share their reflections from the retreat that was held in mid-September. A variety of responses were shared. Steve asked for attendees to continue to consider other ideas of how to carry forward this work by means of the faculty meetings.

Announcements

- Pauline Yu announced that additional faculty are needed for the Academic Statement Mentor Council.
- Pauline Yu expressed deep gratitude and thanks to Gilda Sheppard for her efforts related to the Just Mercy common read and panel presentation.
- George Freeman announced the Community Forward initiative, which is intended to provide opportunities for conversation and discourse regarding how we want to address systemic issues across faculty, staff and students at the college.
- Jadon Berry expressed his thanks for the faculty's work during New Student Orientation.
- Sean Williams announced that she has reserved Fridays 10-12 in Purce Hall 4 for the Write that Book initiative.

Steve closed the meeting at 4:59 p.m.