

## October 18, 2017 Faculty Meeting Minutes – FINAL

Faculty Chair Steve Blakeslee opened the meeting at 3:17 p.m.

**Review/Approve Faculty Meeting Minutes** – The October 4, 2017 Faculty Meeting minutes were approved as distributed.

**Remarks from President George Bridges** – President Bridges provided an update on work that he and other administrators were engaged in over the summer, and a sense of the college's current legal and political context, including how it continues to inform both internal and external communication. He continued by thanking the faculty and highlighting how faculty changed their teaching plans in significant ways over the summer to serve our students. George then addressed several questions from the floor.

**First-Year Experience Work Group** – Trevor Speller and Jamie Cooper provided an overview of the work group's charge, the data that informs their work, and their action plan for this year and next in order to implement a First-Year Experience initiative in 2019-2020. A brief question and answer period followed.

**Standing Committee on the Curriculum** – Co-Chairs Krishna Chowdary and Elizabeth Williamson provided an overview of the committee's charge, a summary of work completed last year, and a preview of work that is planned for this year. A question and answer period followed.

**Academic Strategic Initiatives** – Provost Jen Drake provided a brief overview of the Academic Strategic Initiatives, which represent a commitment to strategic planning, building on past work, and communication and collaboration. She further indicated that all of the work is aligned with college priorities around recruitment/retention, equity/inclusion, and morale building. Jen then described the work, which falls into three broad categories: enrollment enhancement, faculty development/community care, and assessment. There was a brief time for questions and comments.

### **Announcements**

- Andi Seabert-Olson announced the first Community Forward events and distributed handouts with more detail.
- Therese Saliba reminded faculty that proposals for teaching summer school are due November 8.

Steve closed the meeting at 5:02 p.m. with a reminder that the next faculty meeting is in week 8, on November 15.