

February 14, 2018 Faculty Meeting Minutes – FINAL

Faculty Chair Steve Blakeslee opened the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

The January 31, 2018 Faculty Meeting minutes were approved as distributed.

Current Enrollment Projections and the Implications for Curriculum and Staffing in 2018-

2019 – Jen Drake opened the presentation reflecting feedback that faculty provided to her at the last faculty meeting. She followed with an overview of the projected enrollment and budget for 2018-2019 and the impact it will have on our community. She reminded faculty of the multi-year strategic plan for stabilization and growth, and continued by identifying types of support that are needed right away to attract and retain students.

Trevor Speller continued by providing additional detail on the impact of potentially significant enrollment decline on the 2018-2019 curriculum and associated staffing. He then discussed more specifically the projected reductions in the Olympia daytime curriculum by category of faculty.

George Freeman provided detail on the projected impact of the 2018-2019 enrollment decline on the Evening and Weekend Studies curriculum and faculty, as well as the underlying values that will inform subsequent decisions.

Trevor continued by providing detail on the potential impact to the Tacoma program. Both George and Trevor provided information on time constraints, given the need to advertise a curriculum to students well in advance of registration. Trevor concluded by providing information on when faculty who are most directly impacted by the enrollment reductions will be notified, and by expressing gratitude for all of the creative and thoughtful work that is already underway.

Larry Geri concluded the presentation by referencing the literature on academic turnarounds, then by identifying key elements of Academics' turnaround projects, including enrollment recovery, paths of study, and the launch of a First-Year Experience program.

A discussion followed, with a range of comments, questions, and responses provided.

Announcements

- Pauline Yu reminded faculty that All Campus Mentoring Day for winter quarter is in week 7.

Steve closed the meeting at 5:00 p.m.