

February 28, 2018 Faculty Meeting Minutes – FINAL

Faculty Chair Steve Blakeslee opened the meeting at 3:14 p.m. with a review of the agenda.

Faculty Meeting Minutes – The February 14, 2018 Faculty Meeting Minutes were reviewed and a correction was requested.

Agenda Committee Nominations and Vote – Steve opened nominations for one open Agenda Committee position. Paul Przybylowicz was nominated and the nomination was seconded. No other nominations were put forth and Paul was confirmed as a member of the Agenda Committee.

Provost Update Part I – Jen Drake announced that she and the deans will be visiting academic programs to provide accurate information to students regarding changes to the curriculum. She followed with information on a charge to the Washington Center Advisory Committee regarding the development of a learning and teaching commons to be housed in the Washington Center. She indicated the funding for this 2-3 year pilot is from the Fund for Innovation.

Learning and Teaching Commons – Washington Center Director Joye Hardiman, along with a number of Washington Center Advisory Committee members, provided information on the history of faculty development at Evergreen, the framework for current work, the work they have done recently, and summer institutes. A brief comment period followed.

Provost Update Part II – Jen reminded faculty of the enrollment stabilization initiatives currently underway and outlined the criteria that a sub-committee of the Standing Committee on the Curriculum used in narrowing 75 proposals to the 11 being considered today, as well as what the process will look like moving forward.

Enrollment Recovery Initiative – Larry Geri provided an overview of the process being used to review the most promising proposals, including a “dot exercise” at today’s meeting. Clarifying questions and comments ensued, followed by the exercise.

Curriculum and Staffing Changes in 2018-2019 – Jen and the deans answered questions from the floor related to the changes announced at the Week 6 faculty meeting, and the faculty began a discussion of measures that might be taken to help mitigate the impact of these changes on adjunct faculty members.

Announcements

- Greg Mullins announced expanded hours for the current gallery exhibit.
- Greg also announced that Melanie Valera has been promoted to Associate Director of Media Services.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.