

Faculty Chair Steve Blakeslee opened the meeting at 3:16 p.m. He reviewed the agenda and invited GSU speaker Alex Markley to introduce the new GSU faculty liaison, Stuart Lee.

The October 17, 2018 faculty meeting minutes were approved as distributed.

Draft motion to replace general usage of the word “covenant” in the Faculty Handbook and other College communications – Steve introduced a draft motion on behalf of the Agenda Committee, in response to a request made by faculty member Frances Rains at the October 17 meeting. Frances read the motion, which was drafted by her and Agenda Committee member John Caraher. Agenda Committee member Melissa Nivala then introduced an online polling software, intended to take the collective pulse of the faculty through individual anonymous responses. The poll was taken and a brief discussion ensued. The Agenda Committee will use the information that was collected to help create the final motion, which will be presented at the faculty meeting in Week 10.

Draft First-Year Experience (FYE) Curriculum Models – The co-chairs of the FYE Workgroup, Trevor Speller and Jadon Berry, provided a review of where we are in the process toward implementing a new first-year experience in fall 2019. Today’s focus was on obtaining faculty feedback on the specific means of achieving the learning goals that were approved by the faculty last spring. Participants were first asked to fill out a questionnaire. Two draft models were then presented to prompt discussion. Participants then broke into small groups to discuss the proposed models and provide feedback to the work group. The feedback will be collated and used to update the proposals.

Comprehensive Fundraising Campaign – Kathleen Eamon began by providing information on her experience of learning from the Advancement office about fundraising. Abby Kelso then provided information on planning for a possible comprehensive fundraising campaign for the College, which was summarized in a document that was distributed. John McLain then asked participants to break into small groups to respond to the document. After small-group discussion, a request was made to have a large-group discussion at a future meeting.

Announcements

- Steve Blakeslee reminded faculty of the added faculty meeting on Wednesday, November 28.
- Sarah Ryan announced that Kathleen Eamon and Karen Gaul are the finalists for the two open dean position. Sarah also indicated that she would send out an e-mail on various opportunities to engage with the candidates, including the added faculty meeting on November 28.
- Pauline Yu announced that a survey will be sent out soon that invites faculty to sign up for an all-campus mentoring day session in winter or spring.
- Kitty Jones announced that a new staff advisor, Penelope Partridge, has just been hired.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:01 p.m.