

Faculty Meeting Minutes -- DRAFT
October 3, 2012
SEM II C1105, 1:00-3:00pm

Faculty chair Drew Buchman opened the faculty meeting at 1:08.

Announcements

- Rebecca Sunderman provided a CBA new contract implementation update.
- Stephen Beck provided a Contingent Faculty Caucus Update.
- Sandy Yannone provided copies of *Inkwell* and announced the Inkfest Conference and other events later in October.
- Therese Saliba announced that The Rachel Corrie Foundation is sponsoring Olympia's first Arab Festival this weekend.

New Faculty Introductions-Nancy Murray introduced seven (7) new faculty members, including Evan Blackwell, Michael "Tug" Buse, Laura Citrin, Amjad Faur, Miranda Mellis, John Schaub and Aaron Skomra. "Saki" Qi Chen, our exchange faculty from Hyogo University in Kobe, Japan, was also introduced.

Faculty Hiring Update-Nancy Murray indicated there are nine (9) faculty hires underway this year. While there are many faculty who are engaged in the hiring process, she is still seeking members for the faculty hiring DTF.

Welcoming Remarks by President Les Purce -Les expressed his appreciation for such broad involvement in Orientation. He suggested that, at the state level, an important debate is whether or not education is an individual or public good. He indicated that there will continue to be a major state budget shortfall. He mentioned Michael Zimmerman's work to highlight the role of the liberal arts in the context of the recent statewide emphasis on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math)-oriented programs in higher education.

Agenda Committee Introductions – Drew introduced the Agenda Committee members, as well as the support team from the Provost's office. In addition, there is a newly appointed parliamentarian, Brian Walter. He indicated he will soon be asking the faculty to consider standing for 2013-14 faculty chair and chair-elect.

Rules of Order – Drew indicated that the Agenda Committee has adopted Robert's Rules, 11th ed. (2011), as the faculty's rules of order for this year, and provided a brief chronology of various parliamentary guides since 1844.

June 6, 2012 Faculty Meeting Minutes – After asking for corrections, Drew declared the minutes approved as circulated.

Long-range Curriculum DTF Update – Ruth Hayes and Allen Olson provided an update, and asked faculty to visit the DTF's Blog (<http://blogs.evergreen.edu/lrcdtf2012/>). Allen provided an overview of the DTF calendar and a sense of what the group has learned thus far. Ruth handed out additional copies of the worksheet from last month's faculty retreat, inviting each faculty member to write up a version of their "personal" curriculum if they have not already done so, and solicited questions and comments for the DTF's consideration. The DTF members were introduced.

Dean Search DTF – Allen Olson and Kathleen Eámon provided an update. Allen indicated that there are three deans rotating back into teaching (himself, Paul Przybylowicz, and Sarah Pedersen). He indicated that the position description will be a comprehensive view of all of the deans positions to emphasize their collaborative approach to this work. The deadline for nominations is October 24th; the deadline to apply is November 5th. Interviews will be Week 9, with a final recommendation to the Provost before the end of the quarter.

Marriage Equality Debate –John Carmichael and José Gómez announced that this public service event, sponsored by the Cal Anderson Memorial Endowment, will be on October 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the Longhouse. The two debaters will be Andrew Koppelman and Maggie Gallagher. José Gómez has agreed to moderate the debate, and he provided information on the likely framework. In addition, there will be a presentation earlier on October 19th by Kenyon Farrow, who will address the limitations of the marriage equality debate format, by examining the event and related social constructions of race, gender, and class.

Faculty Priorities – Drew previewed a list of possible priorities as identified by the Agenda Committee at its retreat. He then asked faculty to assess the list and its ordering, and what else should be considered this year. A discussion ensued and feedback cards were distributed and collected.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m.