

## January 30, 2013 Faculty Meeting Minutes –FINAL

Faculty Chair Drew Buchman opened the meeting at 1:10.

### **The following announcements were made:**

- Geoduck Student Union Representative Ryan Bersentes asked faculty to consider participating in and sharing with their students information about the upcoming Lobby Day, TED Talks, and a combined governance and scholarship initiative.
- Marilyn Freeman invited faculty to participate in upcoming sessions to inform the creation of the new Online Records System, which is intended to make it easier for faculty to file evaluations, and have continuing access to their own academic materials, as well as fuller academic histories of their students.
- Michael Zimmerman announced that a first draft of standard two of the college's current re-accreditation report will soon be distributed, along with information about two community feedback sessions on the draft report.
- Drew reminded the faculty that the 2013-2014 chair and chair-elect positions are still vacant.

**Minutes** -- The December 5 Faculty Meeting Minutes were approved as distributed.

**Legislative Update** – Government Relations Director Julie Garver provided a brief update on the 2013 legislative session currently underway.

**Zero Waste Planning Update** – Sustainability Council Member Larry Geri provided a brief overview of the zero waste initiative, which calls for the College to be waste neutral by 2020. He invited faculty to review the draft, provide comments, and encourage their students to comment as well.

**Academic Statement Initiative Update/Discussion** – Mentor Council Members provided an update. Laura Coghlan and Sovay Hansen provided an overview of the student focus groups that were conducted last quarter to enlist feedback on the six hours of in-program time devoted to the Academic Statement Initiative (ASI). Laura reported that the fall-to-winter retention data suggests a correlation between those who attended the O-week ASI sessions and higher retention. Nancy Koppelman walked the faculty through a handout of workshop titles/presenters for the winter all-campus mentoring day. Stephen Beck indicated that EWS will hold sessions the Saturday after the Academic Fair from 12:30-1:30. Nancy also provided an update on this spring's essay contest and invited faculty to join a group of readers to review the submitted essays. Nancy also indicated there will be a one-day summer institute for faculty who are not participating in the pilot initiative as yet. Finally, Nancy provided a handout of the proposed books for 2014 Orientation week. The Mentor Council is currently reviewing the proposed books. It was suggested that the selection process be randomized amongst those texts that meet a minimum criteria. Nancy indicated she plans to create a bank of resources for faculty to use in conducting this work. Nancy K. and Nancy Murray commended the faculty on their commitment to this work, and noted that colleagues at other institutions who attended last week's AAHE conference were quite impressed by our work in this area.

**2013 Faculty Retreat Location Brainstorm** – Agenda Committee Member Suzanne Simons reminded the faculty that until recently the retreat was a 2-3 day event that held time for both structured common work and the opportunity to connect less formally with colleagues, often resulting in future program planning. Discussion followed, with several suggestions made.

**Voting Protocol** – After “clickers” were distributed, concern was raised that a voting protocol that switches to anonymous votes without discussion is not a small matter. The Agenda Committee will take these concerns under advisement and determine whether a resolution will be brought forth to the faculty for further consideration.

### **Proposed Faculty Handbook Change – Academic Deans: Evaluation Process Discussion & Vote** –

Allen Olson reminded the faculty that, as part of last spring's discussion and vote regarding Academic Deans, it was moved, voted on and approved that the Agenda Committee bring a proposal this year regarding the evaluation of deans. (EDITOR'S NOTE: please refer to the minutes of the Faculty Meeting 6 June 2012, which contain a different account of this process. – DREW BUCHMAN) Such a proposal, as distributed with the AC/DC for this meeting, was reviewed and discussed. It was moved and seconded that further deliberation and a vote about the resolution be postponed to a faculty meeting in spring quarter. The motion to postpone to a certain time was approved by voice vote.

**Proposed Faculty Handbook Change – Academic Deans: Selection Process Discussion** – There being no further time available, the first discussion of this amendment was postponed to a later meeting as unfinished business.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:58.