

February 26, 2014 Faculty Meeting Minutes – FINAL

Faculty Chair Welcome -- Faculty Chair Abir Biswas opened the meeting at 1:18 p.m.

General Announcements -- The following announcements were made:

- Scott Coleman reminded faculty that catalog descriptions for 15-16 are due April 4th.
- Amy Betz announced opportunities to learn about and provide input on the new evaluation system.
- Michael Zimmerman thanked faculty who have responded to his request for feedback on why students left the College after fall quarter.
- David McAvity announced a new communication tool called Greener Commons, which will allow community members to opt into e-conversations on topic strands and is planned to eventually replace tesccrier and tesctalk.
- Abir announced the faculty who have been selected to serve on the Strategic Planning Steering Committee are Cheryl King, Paul Przybylowicz and EJ Zita.
- Abir announced the upcoming Unsoeld Seminar featuring Tom Ikeda.
- Kristina Ackley announced Brian Cladoosby's lecture today at the Longhouse on Tribal sovereignty and Tribal education.

Approve Faculty Meeting Minutes – The February 12, 2014 Faculty Meeting Minutes were approved as distributed.

Long-Range Curriculum DTF – Abir asked Drew Buchman to serve as parliamentarian and chair this part of the meeting. DTF Co-chair Ruth Hayes presented Proposal Two: Curriculum Planning Process, which is unchanged from the last Faculty Meeting where this was discussed. Discussion ensued. Because there was not a quorum on the proposal and it was deemed major by the Agenda Committee, an advisory vote to get the sense of the faculty was taken and resulted in 42 in favor, 1 opposed, and 2 abstentions. A vote on the proposal was re-taken after a quorum was attained, resulting in 47 in favor, 1 opposed, and 3 abstentions.

Ruth provided an overview of changes to Proposal Three: Standing Committee on the Curriculum that were been made since the last Faculty Meeting discussion. Discussion ensued. After discussion, a count to determine whether or not there was a quorum was taken that indicated there is a quorum. A vote on the proposal was then taken and resulted in 40 in favor, 9 opposed, and 4 abstentions.

The Long-Range Curriculum DTF was thanked for their work with a round of applause.

Planning Unit Coordinator DTF – DTF members Greg Mullins, Anne Fischel, Andrew Reece, Bob Leverich and Laurie Meeker provided an overview and reflections of the DTF work and consultations with faculty that have taken place to date regarding planning units, planning unit coordinators, and curriculum planning more broadly. Faculty members were asked to add their reflections. Faculty then broke into small groups for guided discussion. After about 20 minutes, the meeting of the whole re-convened to provide an overview of their small-group.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.