

April 9, 2014 Faculty Meeting Minutes – FINAL

2014-15 Chair-elect Sandy Yannone brought the group together at 1:14 with a poem.

Faculty Chair Welcome - Faculty Chair Abir Biswas officially opened the meeting at 1:16 p.m.

Approve Faculty Meeting Minutes - The March 12, 2014 Faculty Meeting Minutes were approved as distributed.

General Announcements - The following announcements were made:

- Abir Biswas reminded the faculty that the Agenda Committee is encouraging faculty to join two new committees - Parking Services Review Committee and CRC Modernization Committee.
- Scott Coleman announced that by April 4, 90% of daytime undergraduate faculty had submitted proposals for 15-16 and expressed his thanks. Scott reminded the faculty that the Catalog Summit is May 1 and 2nd and would like additional faculty volunteers.
- Carolyn Prouty reminded faculty that Day of Absence is Wednesday, April 30 and Day of Presence is Friday, May 2. The schedule is slimmed down to one opportunity per day to increase attendance and faculty were encouraged to make space in their programs for students to attend.
- Nancy Murray reminded faculty of the Friday Faculty Development Series as a great way to meet colleagues and learn about each other's work. The upcoming workshop will be to witness a single fertilized egg cell develop into a multi-cell organism and will include some hands-on, participatory science.

Budget and Enrollment Update from President – President Les Purce provided an update on the projected enrollment and associated budget implications for the 2014-15 academic year. A lengthy discussion followed.

Faculty Collective Bargaining Update - Laurie Meeker, Jon Davies, and Neil Bowerman provided a brief update on the current collective bargaining process.

Spring All-Campus Mentoring Day - Academic Deans Sarah Ryan, Jeff Antonelis-Lapp, Nancy Murray, Andrew Reece, Scott Coleman, David McAvity shared their thoughts on the upcoming Spring All-Campus Mentoring Day, with some discussion that followed.

Discussion of Greener Commons - David McAvity briefly addressed concerns regarding Greener Commons replacing the TESCTalk and TESCCrier DLs that were raised at the most recent faculty meeting, indicating that both of the DLs will remain live, along with Greener Commons, through the end of the academic year. It was agreed that David would return to a subsequent faculty meeting.

Abir announced that Sandy Yannone will chair the next faculty meeting while he is on a field trip.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:03 p.m.