

## June 3, 2015 Faculty Meeting Minutes – FINAL

Faculty Chair Sandy Yannone opened the meeting at 1:14 p.m.

The following announcements were made:

- Sandy Yannone and Greg Mullins announced that the Academic Retreat will be held September 16 & 17<sup>th</sup> at Camp Panhandle; the agenda was distributed with the Faculty Meeting agenda.
- Sandy thanked colleagues in both Tacoma and Olympia for quickly putting together the *Teach-in on Police Shootings in Our Communities: Steps Forward* that was held on May 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Naima Lowe distributed information that provided ways to support the Thompson family and ways to respond to neo-Nazi violence that has been occurring.
- Emily Lardner distributed a document that provides an overview of the Title III grant that is currently being drafted to address student retention.
- Kevin Francis reminded faculty of two AcademX institutes occurring in June, sponsored by the Washington Center Advisory Committee, indicating there are still five spots available.
- Sandy reminded faculty that it is time to indicate governance preferences for next year.
- Sandy and Liza thanked staff and faculty colleagues for their governance work this year. Sandy was also thanked for her work as faculty chair.

**Faculty Meeting Minutes** -- The May 20, 2015 Faculty Meeting Minutes were approved as distributed.

**Nominations/Vote** – Sandy indicated that two vacancies remain for next year’s Agenda Committee and one for the Council of Faculty Representatives. Since there were no nominations from the floor, additional time for nominations and election will occur in early fall quarter.

**Curriculum Planning Update** – Scott Coleman provided a curriculum update (along with a summary handout) as called for in the Long-Range Curriculum DTF’s recommendations. A brief discussion ensued.

**Frozen Hiring Processes** – Sandy reviewed the proposal that Michael Zimmerman sent via e-mail. The proposal reads as follows:

*The search committees for each of the four suspended faculty searches will reconvene and make a recommendation to the Hiring Dean and Provost about where in the search process they would like to pick up the suspended search. The four searches will be treated independently and there is no reason to expect that all searches will proceed in the same manner.*

A brief discussion ensued, followed by a voice vote where there were two abstentions and the remainder of the faculty voting in favor of the proposal.

**Standing Committee on the Curriculum** -- Committee Chair Rita Pougiales indicated that a proposal to fund a 2-day summer planning meeting has been put forward to the vice presidents for academic and student affairs. She described the goals of the summer work are to create a summary of the challenges related to in-program and broader curriculum structures as the committee understands them and recommendations on short-term work that they would recommend. A brief discussion ensued.

**Adjunct Faculty Review DTF Update** – Co-Chair Erik Thuesen provided an update on the status of the DTF’s work. He indicated that they will soon be preparing a report that summarizes the DTF’s work to date, even though the members have not been able to reach unanimous agreement on any specific recommendations. He indicated that the DTF did, however, come to agreement in principle that progress should be made to address the status of those who have been teaching on adjunct status for lengthy periods of time (i.e., 20 years) and that there should be a meaningful solution so this does not happen in the future. A brief discussion ensued, including a request that the proposal come before the faculty for discussion.

### **Academic Statement Essay Contest Winning Essays**

Naima Lowe presented 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner Alexis Howell’s essay as the student could not be present. Alison Styring and Carri LeRoy introduced 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner Heather Burns, who read her essay. Pat Krafcik introduced 1<sup>st</sup> place winner Natasha Russi, who read her essay.

The meeting was adjourned with a brief recap of the work of the year at 3:08 p.m.