

October 7, 2015 Faculty Meeting Minutes – FINAL

Faculty Chair Liza Rognas opened the meeting at 3:18 p.m.

The following announcements were made:

- Mentor Council Chair Shaw Osha reminded faculty that there is a website including ideas for in-program work with students on the academic statement that will also be shared via e-mail later in the week.
- Therese Saliba announced an upcoming visiting speaker, Dr. Keith Feldman, who will present on Black-Palestinian Solidarity.
- Ulrike Krotscheck announced an upcoming archaeology open house at the Coach House.

Rules of Order – Liza announced that a revised version of Robert’s Rules of Order will be used for Faculty Meetings, as outlined in a “place mat” created by Steven Hendricks and Brian Walter (*note: this document will be attached to the agenda for the October 21, 2015 Faculty Meeting*).

Academic Dean Search – Sean Williams, chair of the Academic Deans Search DTF, reminded faculty of the search for two Academic Deans that is currently underway and encouraged nominations and applications.

New Faculty Introductions – Nancy Murray introduced regular and adjunct faculty who are new to their positions this year.

New Staff Members – Wendy Endress introduced Jamie Cooper and John Carmichael introduced Colleen Rust.

Agenda Committee Nominations/Vote – Steve Blakeslee has agreed to stand for a still-vacant position on the Agenda Committee and was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Faculty Meeting Minutes -- The June 3, 2015 Faculty Meeting Minutes were approved as distributed.

Adjunct Faculty Review DTF Update – DTF co-chair Nancy Murray and DTF member Marja Elojeimo provided an update on the DTF’s recommendations for the three questions it was asked to address. The DTF’s presentation notes, along with supporting materials that were used and collected over the course of its work, will be made available to the faculty-at-large tomorrow. The DTF members were thanked for their work.

Collective Bargaining Update – Jon Davies and John Carmichael provided an update on the bargaining process. They indicated optimism that the bargaining process will be concluded successfully very soon. A brief discussion ensued.

Presidential Welcome/Q&A – Evergreen’s new president, George Bridges, shared his initial ideas for his work this academic year in response to a request that he do so by the Board of Trustees:

1. Get to know Evergreen faculty, staff and students;
2. Build on legislative relationships;
3. Better understand and improve upon the College’s enrollment and retention;
4. Review advancement programs and fundraising efforts; and
5. Develop a longer-term vision for the College.

President Bridges ended with a request, based on his conversation with Governor Inslee, that the College host a symposium on climate change for the legislature and others friends of the College. A question and answer session followed.

Debrief on Police Shootings in Our Communities Panel Discussion (Part I) – Liza invited reflections on today’s panel discussion, particularly as advice to the Agenda Committee on ways to move this work forward. A brief discussion followed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:08 p.m.