

## November 18, 2015 Faculty Meeting Minutes – FINAL

Faculty Chair Liza Rognas opened the meeting at 3:14 p.m. with a remembrance of long-time staff member Kort Jungel, who passed away yesterday.

The following announcements were made:

- Dylan Macardican, GSU's faculty liaison, reported on a number of matters on the GSU's behalf:
  - The GSU will be holding an event in response to the White Lives Matter posters found earlier this year;
  - The GSU is interested in having a faculty representative and invited faculty to contact the GSU if interested; and
  - Faculty are only giving 10-minute breaks, which makes it problematic for smokers given the further distance they need to walk to the smoking shelters;
- Sarah Pedersen asked for readers to sign up for the upcoming Moby Dick reading marathon;
- Melanie Valera from Media Services asked faculty to let her know of any media needs for winter quarter; and
- Greg Mullins asked that faculty consult with Kathryn Ford about media needs for end-of-quarter classroom presentations.

**Faculty Meeting Minutes** – The October 21, 2015 Faculty Meeting Minutes were approved as distributed.

**Evening and Weekend Studies (EWS) Information on Student Demographics and Prior Learning from Experience Program** – Sarah Ryan provided information on the history of the program and the students who study primarily through EWS. Nancy Parkes followed with an overview of the Prior Learning from Experience program.

**Diversity and Equity Standing Committee Presentation & Discussion** – Committee members Felix Braffith and Carolyn Prouty facilitated a follow-up discussion to the October 28<sup>th</sup> *Coming Together: A Call to Action* meeting, based on the information from May 2014 Students-of-Color focus groups. A handout was distributed that summarized responses from students of color who participated in a 2014 focus group related to faculty and connections to campus, which was followed by small- and large-group discussions. Felix and Carolyn also announced that the next event, *Coming Together: A Time for Action*, will be on December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 12-1:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.