

February 10, 2016 Faculty Meeting Minutes – FINAL

Faculty Chair Liza Rognas opened the meeting at 3:14 p.m.

The following announcements were made:

- David McAvity announced a proposed change to the start and end dates of faculty contracts to begin in the 16-17 academic year and that a follow-up e-mail is forthcoming.
- Scott Coleman announced that the Faculty Hiring Priorities DTF will provide its draft priority list at the next Faculty Meeting. The list is available to be previewed at <https://sites.evergreen.edu/curriculum/draft>
- Michael Vavrus provided an updated on the Statement Concerning the Climate of Political Intolerance that was passed by the faculty last December indicating President Bridges is considering a revised statement that, if adopted, would represent the College.
- Ted Whitesell introduced Roger Connor from Vanderbilt University and Ben Shane, who is a resource faculty member at Evergreen, who are collaborating together on a student advocacy curriculum. Roger and Ben invited additional interested faculty to work with them.
- GSU liaison to the faculty Dylan Macardican reminded faculty of two measures on the ballot this year: an additional allocation fee for student groups and one to add financial resources to academic programs. He reminded the faculty that they are still looking for a faculty liaison to the GSU.
- Ken Tabbutt provided information on the Council of Faculty Representatives' priorities and status of advocacy work. He will soon provide information on how to comment on bills online.

Faculty Meeting Minutes – The January 27, 2016 Faculty Meeting Minutes were approved as displayed.

Diversity and Equity Standing Committee – Committee member Carolyn Prouty provided some of the key points of Dr. Robin DiAngelo, one of this quarter's *Coming Together* series speakers, who will also return for a second talk on white fragility on February 22nd. Greg Mullins then provided an overview of the short- and long-term faculty development planning process, which will have a particular focus on diversity and equity, along with other types of opportunities the faculty indicate as a priority. A brief discussion ensued.

Proposed Faculty Handbook Change Regarding Tacoma Faculty Voting via Skype or other Technology – Liza reviewed a Faculty Handbook revision proposal prepared by the Agenda Committee, initially presented at the last faculty meeting, which would allow faculty to participate and vote virtually from the Tacoma Program site. A vote was taken and the proposal was passed by a vote of 53 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

Reflections on George Bridges' January 27, 2016 "Sharing Initial Observations" Talk – Liza invited a faculty conversation in response to George Bridges' campus presentation on January 27th. A discussion took place with a variety of points raised.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:01 p.m.