

## April 4, 2016 Faculty Meeting Minutes – FINAL

Faculty Chair Liza Rognas opened the meeting at 3:11 p.m.

The following announcements were made:

- Therese Saliba announced that Ilan Pappé will be speaking in Olympia on May 3<sup>rd</sup> as a featured speaker of Peace Works 2016.
- Sandy Yannone announced that Agenda Committee nominations and elections are upcoming.
- Carolyn Prouty reminded faculty of this Week's Day of Absence/Day of Presence.

**Remembrance of Rudy Martin, Founding Faculty Emeritus** – Liza Rognas provided a remembrance of Founding Faculty Member Rudy Martin, who passed away last month. Sandy Yannone followed with “The Giver,” a poem by James Baldwin.

**Leadership Transition** – George Bridges announced a transition in academic leadership. He indicated that Michael Zimmerman will be stepping down from his role as Provost at the end of this academic year and will continue as Vice President for Academic Affairs for the 2016-2017 academic year. He indicated that an interim Provost would soon be announced and that a search for the next vice president for academic affairs and provost will be launched prior to the end of this academic year. A brief discussion ensued, including a question about the status of an institutional statement in the spirit of the “Statement Concerning the Climate of Political Intolerance” that the faculty passed last quarter. George indicated that it would be resolved, with a draft shared in advance, prior to his inauguration.

**Faculty Meeting Minutes** – The February 24, 2016 Faculty Meeting Minutes were approved as displayed.

**Upcoming Email Platform Change** – Rip Heminway indicated that Computing and Communications will be initiating a password change process in the near future. He further announced student, faculty, and staff emails will be migrated to a different platform at the end of this academic year. A brief discussion ensued.

**Hiring Priorities DTF** – Scott Coleman shared the final hiring priorities list for Olympia daytime undergraduate curriculum that is valid through 2017-2018 and incorporates feedback provided at the February 24<sup>th</sup> faculty meeting. He also shared four positions that will be prioritized for hiring next year due to one resignation and three failed searches. There will be 12 searches conducted next year. Scott shared the DTF's recommendations for future work. A brief discussion ensued.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:11 p.m.