

April 20, 2016 Faculty Meeting Minutes – FINAL

Faculty Chair Liza Rognas opened the meeting at 3:13 p.m.

The following announcements were made:

- Nancy Murray reminded faculty that summer institute proposals are due on Friday.
- Nancy Murray asked faculty to contact her if they are interested in serving on one of the approximately 14 search committees that will be conducted next year.
- Kitty Jones provided a brief update on the work of the College Success DTF in anticipation of a formal presentation at the next faculty meeting.
- Kitty Jones thanked faculty for using the student early alert system that is now in place.
- Trevor Speller reminded faculty of an upcoming reading by poet Saldago Maranhão.
- Carolyn Prouty thanked faculty for their participation in Day of Absence/Day of Presence.
- Andrew Reece reminded faculty of the academic statement due dates.
- Dylan Macardican provided updates on upcoming events and elections and concerns about class requirements during governance times.
- Eirik Steinhoff provided a reminder that Dean Spade will be speaking on campus this evening.

Faculty Meeting Minutes – The April 4, 2016 Faculty Meeting Minutes were approved as displayed.

Upcoming Provost Search – President George Bridges began by thanking Paula Schofield for agreeing to chair the search committee. George indicated he will be working with the Agenda Committee to seat three additional faculty for the committee (in addition to three staff, three students and, possibly, one trustee). He then outlined the process, including at least three upcoming fora to seek input on the search, search process, and the provost's portfolio. George further indicated he has selected a search firm and that he hopes to have a permanent provost in place by July 1, 2017. He opened the floor to discussion and questions. The Agenda Committee then sought additional nominations for the DTF.

Committing to Equity and Inclusive Excellence – George introduced Dr. Tia Brown McNair, Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Student Success at the Association of American Colleges and Universities, who was invited to campus as part of our continued work on diversity and equity this year. Dr. McNair then facilitated a workshop with a focus on student success and retention.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.