

October 2, 2013 Faculty Meeting Minutes – FINAL

Faculty Chair Welcome – Faculty Chair Abir Biswas opened the meeting at 1:20 with introductions of this year's Agenda Committee. He indicated that he intends to start future meetings at 1:10. In addition, he indicated that the Agenda Committee intends to bring before the faculty a discussion about Les' recent hiring decision in a format yet to be determined. He also announced that the Agenda Committee will be putting up a website at some point this fall.

General Announcements – The following general announcements were made:

- Laurie Meeker introduced herself as the Faculty Chair of the United Faculty of Evergreen and provided a brief description of the work of the UFE, with particular emphasis on their work this fall to hold public forums and conduct interviews with faculty;
- Abir indicated that the faculty governance assignments went out yesterday and to contact him if there are any concerns;
- Jeff Antonelis-Lapp announced that there will be a new faculty meeting directly after the faculty meeting; and
- Jeff Antonelis-Lapp introduced the newest member of the Library staff, Andrea Heisel, who is the associate dean of Library Operations. Andrea announced that there will be a new catalog interface introduced in December.

Introductions – New members of the campus community, including members of the administration and regular and adjunct faculty, were introduced and welcomed.

Rules of Order – Robert's Rules of Order, modified based on past practice, was approved by the body.

Approve June 5, 2013 Faculty Meeting Minutes – The minutes were approved as distributed.

Long-Range Curriculum DTF – Co-chairs Ruth Hayes and Karen Gaul first introduced the rest of the DTF members and then thanked the faculty for participating in the retreat. Karen reminded the faculty that the charge goes through this fall, 2013 and that there is a blog that includes the charge, as well as the data that has been generated and digested. She reminded the faculty of the workshops that were run at the retreat and discussed the following five areas that were discussed in the afternoon session: 1) 16 credit box; 2) ILCs/Internships; 3) Lower Division/Upper Division Models; 4) Faculty Planning; and 5) Teaching and Learning Center. She also indicated that, as an offshoot of this work, there is a survey that has been distributed to the faculty regarding their ongoing community partnerships. Ruth followed by indicating that the DTF is working to determine which ideas are ready to go forward as proposals this fall. A brief discussion ensued. Ruth asked faculty to read the interim report if they have not already and provide any feedback they might have to the DTF.

Academic Statement Orientation Week Sessions – Academic Statement Initiative Mentor Council members Sarah Huntington and Leslie Flemmer solicited feedback on how the O-week sessions went. The first question was related to how the work that faculty are now responsible for came into effect. A question was raised about how the fall 2015 text will be selected. Several comments and commendations were made about the nature of the week, with some suggestions for next year.

Faculty Handbook Changes in Response to New Online Record System – Abir indicated that the Agenda Committee found the proposed updates to be minor changes about procedure vs. policy and that the members determined the changes are within their purview and provisionally approved them but wanted to provide the faculty at large an opportunity to provide feedback. David McAvity provided an overview of the types of changes that were made and to what sections of the Handbook and fielded questions about the changes. Abir asked that if there are any comments or concerns that they be sent to the Agenda Committee prior to the next faculty meeting in two weeks.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:59.