

May 1, 2013 Faculty Meeting Minutes -- FINAL

Faculty Chair Drew Buchman opened the meeting at 1:07

The following announcements were made:

- Donald Gribbins from the Geoduck Student Union announced the GSU lecture series and asked that faculty consider participating. There are two lectures upcoming this year and many more options next year.
- Amanda Walker from Advancement thanked faculty for engaging in work to encourage Evergreen alumni to continue to engage with the College and supporting fundraising efforts.
- Amy Betz announced there is one additional Online Record System input session and encouraged faculty to attend this last opportunity to provide feedback on the new system. In addition, there is an opportunity to pilot the new system within academic programs this spring.
- Nancy Koppelman announced that this year's essay contest generated over 100 entries, and that the entries are significantly stronger than last year's. In addition, she reminded faculty that the all-campus advising day is on May 15th.
- Ulrike Krotcheck announced that there is a working group about faculty development that is ongoing.
- Michael Zimmerman reminded faculty of an e-mail that Vauhn Foster-Grahler sent regarding support for quantitative reasoning across the curriculum.

Faculty Meeting Minutes – The February 27th and April 8th Faculty Meeting minutes were approved as distributed.

Elected Faculty Governance Positions Nominations – Drew provided a list of the slate of nominations for the upcoming year's elected positions and encouraged additional nominations for Agenda Committee, Faculty Chair, Faculty Advisory Panel on the College Budget, and Council of Faculty Representatives positions.

Hiring Priorities DTF Recommendations, Task II – A two-page handout summarizing the DTF's recommendations was distributed. DTF chair Paul Przybylowicz provided an overview of the changes recommended from the current process. Carolyn Prouty continued to express her appreciation for the work that has been done, reminding the faculty that work to address long-term adjunct faculty hiring will be addressed in another DTF which will be charged next fall. Discussion ensued.

Long-range Curriculum DTF – Co-chair Allen Olson indicated that the DTF is still gathering input from faculty to add to their deliberations. At this meeting, there are questions and conversations about individual learning. Co-chair Ruth Hayes indicated that the DTF is still in “big picture” review. She asked faculty who have not yet filled out the questionnaire handed out at the last faculty meeting to do so. DTF member Karen Gaul continued with a presentation of student-directed learning. Karen framed independent study as a big part of how students learn at Evergreen and as “life boats” for students who cannot find another place in the curriculum go. She provided an overview of the continuum of self-directed learning opportunities and related resources (e.g., CCBLA, Advising, Faculty, field supervisors) and some data on students who participate and their level of satisfaction. Karen provided an overview of faculty feedback on the type of preparation that students need in order to do upper level work and posed a number of related questions that faculty will be asked to answer (via a paper questionnaire that was distributed and is also available online). Discussion ensued.

Robert's Rules of Order – Drew distributed a “placemat” that provides an overview of Robert's Rules that was prepared by Agenda Committee member Steven Hendricks in consultation with Parliamentarian Brian Walter.

Academic Deans: Selection Process – Drew facilitated a discussion of Sarah Ryan's proposed change to the faculty handbook related to the deans selection process to strike the words, “regular, continuing” from the criteria for standing for dean. Discussion ensued. Drew closed by indicating that this year's Agenda Committee will recommend that the 13-14 Agenda Committee that this issue gets taken up for further discussion and vote next academic year.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00.

