

April 23, 2014 Faculty Meeting Minutes -- FINAL

Faculty Chair-Elect Sandy Yannone opened the meeting at 1:12, beginning with her poem, *1964* (Faculty Chair Abir Biswas is on a field trip).

The April 9, 2014 Faculty Meeting minutes were approved as distributed.

**The following announcements were made:**

- Nancy Koppelman distributed a program for the upcoming All-Campus Mentor Day; provided a reminder that *Crow Planet*, this coming fall's common read, is available to be picked up at faculty meetings or in the Provost's Office; and announced the 2015-16 common read will be *Thinking in an Emergency* by Elaine Scarry. Members of the faculty team who proposed the book will work with the mentor council to prepare the campus for this more rigorous read, including bringing the author to campus to work with the faculty in spring 2015.
- Ruth Hayes extended an invitation to an upcoming 16mm direct animation film event at The Northern.
- Zoltan Grossman asked faculty to announce the Procession of the Species events that are occurring this weekend.
- Sandy indicated that the Greener Commons discussion, which was proposed for this week, will be on the next Faculty Meeting agenda.

**Hiring Priorities DTF** – Hiring Priorities DTF chair Scott Coleman provided an update on their work, which has changed shape given recent projections that there will likely be no new hires next year. Feedback was solicited and provided to the DTF.

**Council of Faculty Representatives** – Co-representatives Lin Nelson and Liza Rognas, along with former representative Ralph Murphy provided an update on their work and indicated there will be a proposal included in their end-of-year report that there be release time provided for this work. A brief discussion ensued.

**Planning Unit Coordinator (PUC) DTF** – The DTF members introduced a document containing draft proposals that was distributed and reviewed. A lengthy, broad-ranging discussion ensued. DTF co-chair Laurie Meeker thanked the faculty for their feedback and indicated they will confer with the Agenda Committee in determining the next steps forward.

Sandy adjourned the meeting at 2:59 p.m.