

Faculty Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2012

SEM II D1105, 1:00-3:00pm

Faculty chair Andrew Reece opened the faculty meeting at 1:22.

March 14, 2012 Faculty Meeting Minutes Review/Approval – approved with a minor revision.

Announcements

- Therese Saliba announced that Occupy Symposium events continue on Thursday nights from 6-9.
- Nancy Anderson announced that that two of her students will conduct a survey of students regarding their tobacco habits. She asked that students be allowed the possibility to talk with program students.
- Ulrike Krotscheck announced that the Planning Unit Coordinators have determined that there is still a need for 250 additional first-year seats, with an indication of the particular subject areas that are currently either underrepresented or not represented at all.
- Abby Kelso provided some information about the Return to Evergreen offerings, encouraging faculty to consider bringing their students.
- Sarah Pedersen announced that the Ernestine Kimbro Artists and Authors series will host Bob Leverich this Friday at noon in the Library Underground.
- Ann DeMarken reminded faculty that the TEDx Evergreen event, focused on climate change, will occur on Monday, April 16th from 3-7 p.m.

Faculty Chair-elect Nominations – Andrew encouraged continued nominations for next year's chair and chair-elect, as well as potential Agenda Committee members for elections that will occur later in the spring.

Library Re-organization Update – Sarah Pedersen reported on library re-organization planning that is in progress, with an indication of those who have been involved in this work. She indicated some of the reasons this work was begun, including very small library dean candidate pools in recent past, budget reductions (bringing a reduction in staff positions, as well as the faculty-at-large position that rotates into the library each year), technology shifts, and a change in student experience with libraries. Sarah asked the faculty why they did not consider applying for this position in the past, to a variety of responses. She indicated that the workgroup has been considering ways to make the academic deans position more attractive to internal candidates give a past track record of greater success in the position by those most familiar with the college (e.g., current faculty). Their current proposal includes an associate dean position, with would be an exempt position hired to direct the library operations (e.g., circulation, collection purchasing, archives, technical and public service) who would work 12 months per year and provide a consistent set of expertise, allowing a dean to come into the work of the library without needing to know all of the day-to-day operations. A short discussion ensued.

Academic Essay Initiative Update – Nancy Koppelman provided additional information about the Academic Essay Initiative Pilot that was recently announced where faculty teaching teams will sketch out activities that those in the pilot will then carry out. Michael Zimmerman indicated that the funding for the \$2500 stipend available to each faculty member who signs up to do this work comes from a Gates Grant focused on student education and success. Nancy indicated that she has already talked to many students about the academic statement initiative and they have been very enthusiastic. A brief Q&A ensued.

Long-range Curriculum DTF Charge Presentation/Discussion -- Andrew Reece and Michael Zimmerman introduced the charge, which will be issued by the Provost and the Agenda Committee. Michael provided a brief overview of the draft document, which is the result of the five-plus hours of conversation that occurred over three faculty meetings last quarter. He encouraged faculty to consider this document a series of questions intended to pique interest rather than to be exhaustively responded to. Michael indicated that the charge does not include questions about the planning structures that should be in place or the shape of the transcript with a sense that these are better addressed after that which is in the current charge. Discussion and questions ensued.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:03 p.m.