Sandy Yannone opened the meeting at 3:11 with the poem “Whatever Happened to the Beats” by William Stafford, a conscientious objector to World War II.

Faculty Chair Liza Rognas invited announcements from the floor:

- Greg Mullins introduced Ashley Williams, the newly hired Media Instruction Coordinator.
- Andrea Heisel reminded faculty of the MISO survey that will be live tomorrow.
- Greg announced a library workshop on queer and trans resources that will occur next week.
- Greg announced a February 13th event that is the first in a series on topics related to the First Amendment.
- Liza announced that materials related to participatory leadership that are on reserve in the library.
- Sarah Ryan announced that the summer online catalog will be available later today.
- Abby Kelso provided copies of the alumni magazine and indicated copies are also available if faculty would like to distribute them to their students.
- Sandy announced there will be a class for prospective tutors offered this spring.
- Trevor Speller introduced Jenny Williams, a new staff member in the Deanery working on the curriculum and Academic Statement.
- Trevor invited faculty with questions, comments, or concerns related to changes in the curriculum to contact him.
- Kitty Jones reminded faculty of the student alert form available on my.evergreen.edu.
- Gilda Shepard announced Bobby Seal will be in Tacoma in April.

The January 18, 2017 minutes were approved as distributed.

VP for Equity & Inclusion Search – Committee chair Carolyn Prouty opened the session first by welcoming Marion French and Julie Holly, with the Greenwood Asher Search Firm. The following questions were posed to guide today’s discussion:

1. What are your hopes for this position and the work that they will do and the work they will support you in doing?
2. What are your concerns about this position?

After some framing remarks, participants were invited to begin with a writing exercise in response to the questions above, followed by small and all-group discussions.

Carolyn provided an update on the timeline, which will have the candidates on campus on weeks 6 (M/T & W/Th) & 7 (M/T).

Teaching and Learning Center Proposal – Ken Tabbutt provided an overview of the rationale for the proposal, how it developed, and how it might be funded. Faculty engaged in both large- and small-groups discussions to discuss the proposed scope, structure and name of the center. Ken invited faculty to send any further comments via e-mail.

The meeting was closed at 5:00 p.m.