May 9, 2018 Faculty Meeting Minutes -- FINAL

Faculty Chair Steve Blakeslee opened the meeting at 3:16 p.m.

**Faculty Meeting Minutes** -- The April 25, 2018 Faculty Meeting Minutes were approved as distributed.

**Nominations for Elected Positions** – Steve asked for nominations for the following elected positions in anticipation of a vote that will occur at the May 23, 2018 meeting.

- Faculty Advisory Panel on the College Budget – no nominations
- Faculty Chair for 2018-2019 – Steve Blakeslee
- Faculty Chair-Elect for 2019-2020 – no nominations
- Agenda Committee At-Large – Kathleen Eamon, Mukti Khanna, Sonja Wiedenhaupt, Sean Williams

It was suggested that the minimal nominations should be considered as an indicator of a needed conversation about the governance of the College.

**First-Year Experience (FYE) Learning Outcomes Discussion and Likely Vote** – Because the Agenda Committee deemed this a major issue, Steve began with a reminder of the voting rules for major issues. FYE Work Group Co-Chair Trevor Speller invited the rest of the work group forward to be recognized and followed with a reminder of the work that has occurred thus far. He then presented the updated proposal and motion before the faculty for a vote. The motion reads as follows:

_We propose that Evergreen adopt a set of first-year learning goals, as specified below, to support a First-Year Experience (FYE) program._

_We further propose that these learning goals be reviewed and updated every two years following implementation of the FYE program in fall 2019._

Co-Chair Jadon Berry provided an overview of the feedback received and the work group’s response, much of which was incorporated into this updated proposal. After a presentation of reasons faculty should consider for voting affirmatively, the faculty were invited to ask questions of the Working Group. Several questions were asked. After a substantive Q&A with the Co-Chairs and discussion that followed, the question was called. The motion passed with 58 yes votes, 4 no votes, and 5 abstentions.

**Budget Update** – Jen Drake provided a very brief overview of the budget reduction target and fees presented at the Board of Trustees meeting today. She also announced a transition in the Academics Budget office with the upcoming retirement of Lorri Moore and Walter Niemiec.

**Announcements**
- Joli Sandoz reminded faculty of the _Sharing Truths, Honoring Community_ event that will occur this Friday and encouraged faculty to attend.
- Lester Krupp reminded faculty that All-Campus Mentoring Day is next week and asked that they encourage their students to attend.
- Therese Saliba acknowledged Terry Setter as this year’s faculty graduation speaker.
- Therese also provided an update on the status of the summer institute proposals.
- Sandy Yannone encouraged faculty to refer students to the Writing Center for assistance with their academic statements.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:01 p.m.