Faculty Chair Steve Blakeslee opened the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

The January 16, 2019 minutes were approved with one requested revision that adds a sentence to the end of the test-optional admission section.

**Legislative Update** – Jeremy Mohn, Director of Government Relations, began with information on the legislative environment surrounding Evergreen, a description of legislative issues relevant to higher education, and Evergreen’s current interactions with legislators. A web poll was conducted to inform future updates. Cali Ellis followed with a Council of Faculty update that included information on the Council’s legislative agenda, two examples of faculty-specific bills, resources for additional information, and ideas for how to get involved. A brief question and answer session followed.

**Learning and Teaching Commons** – Joye Hardiman began by acknowledging the Washington Center Advisory Board and followed with a brief overview of the Washington Center’s work and descriptions of a faculty fellow position and the advisory board, all with the goal of improving the classroom and cultural environment at Evergreen. She also reported that the Commons will become the coordinating hub for faculty development. Current faculty fellow Joli Sandoz followed to highlight the three projects she is working on, including collection of faculty learning materials, monthly meetings on topics that faculty propose, and the formation of groups of faculty and staff to work together. Therese Saliba provided an update on planning for this summer’s institutes and an update on the Washington Center Director search currently underway. A series of questions were asked and responded to via a web poll that will inform future work.

**Provost Update/Q&A** – Jen Drake provided updates on a range of issues, including: reaffirmation of our accreditation, the college-wide budget process, a recent Title IX training for supervisory staff, other professional development opportunities for faculty and staff, and upcoming information sessions on the renewal initiatives. Jen then invited comments from the floor and received some questions in response.

**Announcements:**
- Zoltan Grossman announced an event on February 19 featuring three indigenous community organizers.
- Sarah Williams reminded us that José Gómez Farmworker Justice Day is February 13.
- Kevin Francis will be reaching out with a request to have student ambassadors from the MES program make a brief announcement in their programs.

Steve closed the meeting at 5:02 p.m.