Faculty Chair Steve Blakeslee opened the meeting at 3:16 p.m. with a review of the agenda.

The March 13, 2019 Faculty Meeting minutes were approved as distributed.

**Budget for Student and Academic Life Division** – Interim vice provost David McAvity provided an update on the budget that included an overview of the current fiscal year and some recent amendments to lower Evergreen’s state appropriation that were presented in the house and senate but did not pass. David also presented projected enrollments and the budget for next year, including factors that contribute to the need for a budget reduction. He then provided a description of the principles and timeline for the budget reduction process. The presentation was followed by a Q&A.

**Tacoma Revitalization** – Faculty member Anthony Zaragoza began the presentation by introducing Natasha Lemke, who is assuming the position of interim coordinator of student services. Anthony and Natasha then provided an overview of the work currently underway at Evergreen-Tacoma and highlighted partnership cultivation that is currently underway, particularly regarding community colleges, media representation, and participation in regional, national, and international partnerships. Anthony followed with work currently underway to revitalize the curriculum, and with new methods for recruiting students. Anthony and Natasha concluded with goals and plans in place for future revitalization, including the decision to create a new Evergreen-Tacoma dean position. This presentation was also followed by a Q&A.

**Academic Statement Mentor Council** – Academic dean Therese Saliba began by thanking Mentor Council chair Pauline Yu for her service, which will conclude at the end of this academic year. Therese also encouraged faculty to consider serving in this role. Pauline began with a reminder of academic statement deadlines and followed with tips for guiding students in their work to complete the statement. She concluded by providing some takeaways from last summer’s transcript review and an overview of online resources. Writing Center assistant director Ariel Birks introduced a chart/overview of elements related to students’ reflective writing on their Evergreen experience.

**Provost Update** – Jen Drake provided reminders of upcoming deadlines for CAT leader, faculty fellow, and Faculty Academic Advisor positions; gave an update on FYE Phase I in 2019-2020; and announced this summer’s SURF projects. A brief Q&A ensued, followed by a faculty hiring update from Therese.

Announcements

- Joli Sandoz indicated that she is happy to talk to faculty who would like to discuss what it means to have a half-time fellowship, and that she is holding office hours as the current LTC fellow.
- Steve announced that the Standing Committee on the Curriculum will be proposing a new hiring priorities process at the next faculty meeting and that the faculty will be polled regarding topics of interest for September’s academic retreat.

Steve adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.