Faculty Meeting Minutes – FINAL
December 5, 2012
SEM II C1105, 1:00-3:00pm

Faculty Chair Drew Buchman opened the faculty meeting at 1:10 with moments of silence for Bonita Evans, Masao Sugiyama, and David Whitener, long-time members of the Evergreen community who recently passed away.

Announcements

- Geoduck Student Union (GSU) Representative Ryan Bersentes announced that the GSU is seeking proposals from faculty for collaborative academic events.
- Internal Auditor John Craighill was introduced. He provided background on his experience and his role at the college, including his service as liaison for the Washington State Ethics Board, our copyright officer, and whistleblower respondent.
- Allen Olson announced that there are currently only six overdue evaluations, which is a record.
- David McAvity indicated that there would be a study abroad proposals workshop directly after the faculty meeting.
- Laurie Meeker reminded faculty that the UFE is conducting a survey regarding summer session.
- Peter Bohmer announced that there will be a movie this Sunday that is in support of civil liberties, particularly in light of Grand Jury concerns that directly impact some Evergreen alumni.
- Sarah Pedersen reminded faculty that she is seeking students who could do short presentations to the Board of Trustees to highlight student work.
- Drew reminded the faculty that there is still need for a chair for next year and chair-elect for the following year.

Minutes - The minutes from the November 14 and November 26 faculty meetings were approved as circulated.

Faculty Advisory Panel on the College Budget (FAP) – Carrie Margolin has agreed to stand as the fourth member of the Panel, to serve the remainder of this year and all of next. After some discussion about the FAP generally, she was unanimously confirmed by voice vote.

Recognition of Faculty with 5-40 Years of Service – Michael Zimmerman acknowledged faculty service to Evergreen, with particular acknowledgement of faculty who have worked at the College for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, and 40 years. He handed out certificates and pins to those who have been here for 5-20 years. Those with 25-40 years of service will be publicly acknowledged at tomorrow’s Staff & Faculty Recognition Lunch. Jeanne Hahn, who can’t be at tomorrow’s recognition, was acknowledged for her 40 years of service with a standing ovation.

Council of Faculty Representatives – Council of Faculty Representatives (CFR) member Lin Nelson and past CFR member Ralph Murphy provided an overview of their work for the College, alongside representatives from the other public 4-year colleges in the State. Lin provided a list of potential agenda items that the CFR will follow and, likely, testify about: common courseware; 3-year degrees; online teaching; faculty benefit package reduction; tenure; and student tuition burden. Ralph followed by indicating that the 4-years are represented additionally by presidents, provosts, legislative representatives, students, and faculty. Additional questions were raised and discussion commenced.

Academic Statement Initiative (ASI) – Nancy Koppelman indicated that, while only some faculty are working on the pilot year, new students are in most of our programs and anticipate faculty will be able to advise them. She indicated there is now an ASI web presence. There is also a new form, replacing the summative self-evaluation form, so students can now write academic statements for the transcript. Sandy Yannone indicated that the writing center is ready to support students to write their academic statements.

Nancy Murray reminded faculty that David Isay from StoryCorps will be the convocation speaker for fall 2013. His book, Listening is an Act of Love, will be the common reading for incoming students. She indicated that there are tentative plans to have a StoryCorps-type booth set up in the Library. For fall 2014, the Mentor Council is currently soliciting book/author ideas.

Sobe Hanson, a student on the Mentor Council, was introduced. She is organizing a student activities group, to support the academic statement initiative, providing peer reviewers for students’ academic statement work.

Finally, Nancy reminded participating faculty that they have been assigned to a winter quarter advising day session (handout provided) and encouraged faculty to plan with their colleagues an hour-long session that they can do with minimal planning.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.