Faculty Chair Liza Rognas opened the meeting at 3:14 p.m.

The following announcements were made:

- David McAvity announced a proposed change to the start and end dates of faculty contracts to begin in the 16-17 academic year and that a follow-up e-mail is forthcoming.
- Scott Coleman announced that the Faculty Hiring Priorities DTF will provide its draft priority list at the next Faculty Meeting. The list is available to be previewed at https://sites.evergreen.edu/curriculum/draft
- Michael Vavrus provided an updated on the Statement Concerning the Climate of Political Intolerance that was passed by the faculty last December indicating President Bridges is considering a revised statement that, if adopted, would represent the College.
- Ted Whitesell introduced Roger Connor from Vanderbilt University and Ben Shane, who is a resource faculty member at Evergreen, who are collaborating together on a student advocacy curriculum. Roger and Ben invited additional interested faculty to work with them.
- GSU liaison to the faculty Dylan Macardican reminded faculty of two measures on the ballot this year: an additional allocation fee for student groups and one to add financial resources to academic programs. He reminded the faculty that they are still looking for a faculty liaison to the GSU.
- Ken Tabbutt provided information on the Council of Faculty Representatives’ priorities and status of advocacy work. He will soon provide information on how to comment on bills online.

**Faculty Meeting Minutes** – The January 27, 2016 Faculty Meeting Minutes were approved as displayed.

**Diversity and Equity Standing Committee** – Committee member Carolyn Prouty provided some of the key points of Dr. Robin DiAngelo, one of this quarter’s *Coming Together* series speakers, who will also return for a second talk on white fragility on February 22nd. Greg Mullins then provided an overview of the short- and long-term faculty development planning process, which will have a particular focus on diversity and equity, along with other types of opportunities the faculty indicate as a priority. A brief discussion ensued.

**Proposed Faculty Handbook Change Regarding Tacoma Faculty Voting via Skype or other Technology** – Liza reviewed a Faculty Handbook revision proposal prepared by the Agenda Committee, initially presented at the last faculty meeting, which would allow faculty to participate and vote virtually from the Tacoma Program site. A vote was taken and the proposal was passed by a vote of 53 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

**Reflections on George Bridges’ January 27, 2016 “Sharing Initial Observations” Talk** – Liza invited a faculty conversation in response to George Bridges’ campus presentation on January 27th. A discussion took place with a variety of points raised.

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