May 4, 2016 Faculty Meeting Minutes – FINAL

Faculty Chair Liza Rognas opened the meeting at 3:10 p.m. She began with information regarding use of state resources by public employees.

The following announcements were made:
- Emma Vieregg, a student employee in Alumni Programs, promoted the All-Campus Mentoring Day and specifically an alumni panel. She also announced a job opportunity with Evergreen alumnus Bre Petis.
- Rita Pougiales invited faculty to meet and discuss a recent vote that impacts all faculty.
- Dylan Macardican provided GSU updates on upcoming elections and a recent meeting with trans students.
- Sarah Ryan reminded faculty of Stephanie Coontz’ reading immediately following this meeting.
- Richard Weiss announced the Plato Lecture that will occur next week.
- Rip Heminway reminded faculty of the need to reset passwords every 183 days and before next Monday.
- Greg Mullins announced that he will create and host a faculty development opportunity to address trans students’ concerns about how they are represented in evaluations.
- Eirik Steinhoff provided a reminder that Dean Spade will be speaking on campus this evening.

Faculty Meeting Minutes – The April 20, 2016 Faculty Meeting Minutes were approved as distributed.

Diversity and Equity Standing Committee – Carolyn Prouty introduced a resolution that was distributed on behalf of the Diversity and Equity Standing Committee as its last act prior to being replaced by the new Equity and Diversity Council. The resolution is intended to address the current lack of requirements for faculty to engage in professional development across race and other identities that intersect with race while other groups on campus (staff and students) are required to do so. Carolyn indicated that the resolution, if passed, is intended to inform negotiations between the UFE and administration, possibly resulting in a memorandum of understanding. Following additional clarifying remarks, a motion was made to discuss the proposal. Amendments were proposed and discussion ensued. This will be a topic for further discussion and possible vote at the next faculty meeting.

College Readiness/Success DTF – Co-chair Sunshine Campbell provided an overview of the charge. The DTF has been carrying forth its work in two sub-groups, one related to math and the other to reading/writing. Math sub-group members Vauhn Foster-Grahler and Paula Schofield provided information on the work of the math group, including a pilot program currently underway. Co-chair Kitty Jones and Sonja Wiedenhaupt provided information on the work of the reading/writing group, including a pilot that is currently being planned that includes a Teaching First-Year Students Program Planning Institute.

Academic Statement Mentor Council – Incoming co-chair Pauline Yu provided a report on upcoming work and events, including academic statement due dates, next week’s All-Campus Mentoring Day, an upcoming five-year assessment, along with other work that is either in progress or recently completed. Amy Betz provided information on how students turn in their annual and final academic statement.

Faculty Representation on Upcoming Provost Search – Liza opened the floor for further nominations in addition to those that had already been received. Ballots were distributed, and faculty were invited to vote for up to seven faculty to inform the names that would be forwarded to the President by the Agenda Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:56 p.m.