May 5, 2014 Faculty Meeting Minutes – FINAL

Sandy Yannone read a poem in honor of Billy Frank Jr., who recently passed away. Les followed with some remembrances, particularly focused on Billy’s relationship with Evergreen.

Faculty Chair Abir Biswas formally opened the meeting at 3:23 p.m.

The April 23, 2014 Minutes were approved as distributed.

Announcements

- Abir invited faculty interested in outreach to International, EWS, and Veteran students to contact Wendy Endress.

Faculty Emeritus Nominations -- Faculty Emerita Susan Aurand nominated recently retired faculty member Lucia Harrison for Faculty Emerita. The faculty unanimously confirmed Lucia’s nomination.

Nominations for Council of Faculty Representatives, Agenda Committee, and Faculty Advisory Panel on the College Budget – Faculty were reminded of the positions that are currently accepting nominations. Anne Fischel and Larry Mosqueda were nominated for the Agenda Committee. Additional nominations were requested for all three governance assignments in anticipation of a final opportunity for nominations and a vote at the week 8 faculty meeting.

Hiring Priorities DTF – DTF Chair Scott Coleman provided an update on the Hiring Priorities process, both short- and long-term, including a request that has been made for significant time at the September faculty retreat to discuss the shape of the curriculum and its implications on faculty hiring.

Long-Range Curriculum DTF ILC Proposals Implementation – David McAvity provided an update on implementation of proposals that were recently passed related to ILCs, including a formal start to implementation beginning Fall 2015 (faculty are free to “softly” implement in the meantime).

Canvas Learning Management System – Rip Heminway provided an overview of a pilot that has been conducted this year, with a recommendation to the College’s senior staff that Evergreen move forward with Canvas, which has already been adopted by the other public 4- and 2-year institutions, with a one-year phase-in so that faculty can choose Canvas or Moodle during the transition year. Several questions were asked and answered.

Greener Commons – David McAvity provided a demonstration of Greener Commons, including different ways one can choose to receive updates via e-mail and the differences and similarities between Greener Commons and TESCTalk and TESCCrier.

Planning Unit Coordinator DTF – Co-chair Andrew Reece reminded the faculty of the history that resulted in their charge and the expectation that the results of their work be provided to management and the UFE as an advisory document in their bargaining. He clarified that, while the charge does not call for a vote, the DTF felt it was called for in providing an understanding of the sense of the faculty for both management and the UFE. The proposals, which are refinements of the proposals distributed for the last faculty meeting, were distributed, reviewed by the DTF, and discussed.

Abir closed the meeting at 5:01, with an indication that there will be time at the Week 10 meeting for further discussion and possible vote on the PUC DTF’s recommendations.