

# Resident Faculty Organization

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## March General Assembly Meeting of the RFO

Location: West 131—moved to West 247

Date: March 10, 2017

Time: 4:00pm

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### Minutes:

- I. Meeting called to order by Sarah Tragesser
- II. Quick Committee Updates
  - a. VCAA search updates

It was reported that the Search Committee sent two names forward for consideration. The next step is for the President, the Provost and the Chancellor to make a decision.
  - b. Chancellor meeting update

Present at meeting: Sarah Tragesser, Harvey Gover, John Mancinelli, Keith Moo-Young  
Discussion of the library took place, with RFO's stance being that the library space should be protected as such and continue to be considered as academic space.  
The administration was agreeable to maintaining both floors of the current library as designated library space.  
Dividing the space will be discussed in the Library Work Group, and the inner offices housed within the library may be rearranged or reassigned.
  - c. Any update from the general assembly
    - \*Aquatic Ecology Search: the search is moving well and the candidates are expected to be on campus at the end of March. Their itineraries will be circulated by the search committee.
    - \*Computer Science Search: the search is moving along and the pool has been widened.
    - \*Math Education Search: the search is in final stages and waiting on paperwork, all moving well
    - \*Education Leadership Search: the search committee is in the hiring process, no delays are anticipated.
    - \*Biology Search: the search committee brought four candidates to campus. They are expecting no delays and intend to make an offer in the coming days.
- III. Dr. Akram Hossain
  - \*Discussion took place regarding how faculty and administration can work together to best to utilize local research opportunities.
  - \*Graduate enrollment, which has declined over the last two decades, is a key area that with community partnerships and through leveraging relationships, TC could grow.
  - \*Visiting Faculty Fellowships and partnerships with PNNL were discussed.
  - \*Due to time limitations, this conversation will continue at a later date.

IV. Dr. Kate McAteer

\*Academic Affairs is now over all High School Programs on the TC campus

\*The advising staff for Running Start reports to Mysti Meiers, Senior Advisor, who reports to Kate McAteer.

\*Soo Parks is the Associate Director of High School Programs, and reports directly to Kate McAteer. There is no "Director".

There are new criteria for enrolling Running Start students.

\*Any student with a 3.5 GPA is an automatic admission, based on WSU admission standards.

\*Students below a 3.5 GPA, will be considered based on criteria established by the Running Start Admissions Committee, primarily made up of faculty. Their decision in admitting students would be final.

\*If a student falls below a 2.0 GPA at WSU, they will be suspended from the program.

Currently, there are 70+ RS applications for Fall 2017; it is the goal of AA to have all students take their placement exams in April 2017 to assist with scheduling and advising. They are optimistic the final numbers will be known in May 2017, again, to assist with proper planning for Fall 2017.

College in the High School is also part of the new High School Programs structure. This program is moving forward; however, its processes are also being evaluated.

V. Meeting adjourned by Sarah Tragesser

Present at March 2017 RFO General Assembly:

Executive Committee:

Sarah Tragesser

Mohamed Osmen

Robin Ebert Mays

Jonah Firestone

Vince Hebert

Tim Baker

General Membership:

Mike Pieracci

Kathleen Cowin

Bob Lewis

Mark Mansperger

Sarah Newcomer

Nora Kuster

Jim Cooper

Paul Strand

Yun-Ju Hsiao

Robert R. Franklin

Cigden Capan

Elly Sweet

Guests:

Tish Christman

Akram Hossain

Kate McAteer