

# Resident Faculty Organization

Washington State University Tri-Cities - 2710 Crimson Way - Richland, WA 99354

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## April 2018 General Assembly Meeting of the RFO

Location: CIC 125T/Hoot Room

Date: April 6, 2018

Time: 2:00pm

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### Agenda Items:

- I. Updates
  - A. Information item: Update from RFO Chair
    - i. Meetings with Chancellor Haynes
    - ii. Brown Bags
  - B. Information item: Quick updates from Committees
  - C. Information item: Update from Faculty Senate
  
- II. Constituent Concerns
  - A. Information item: Ongoing business
    - i. Budget
    - ii. Policies
  - B. Discussion item: New business
    - i. Summer classes
  
- III. Announcements, Requests and Future Agenda Items

Minutes:

Meeting was led by Sarah Tragesser, Chair of RFO

Updates:

RFOEC has met with Chancellor Haynes and look forward to future meetings. We are being proactive regarding how and when we meet. Next meeting with her is April 13.  
If anyone would like to bring an agenda item forward, that is welcome.

Brown Bag series has gone well. Especially the one with Chancellor Haynes.

The need/role of a VC of Research needs to be discussed further.

Updates from Space Committee, Director's Committee and discussion of Shared Governance on campus.

Update from Faculty Senate (by Tim Baker):

They are aiming to rework NTT contracts.

Judi McDonald was on campus this spring, and those meetings went well.

President has placed an emphasis on raising money and seeking targeted donations.

A vote in Faculty Senate is coming to increase representation on the campuses, including TC

Constituent Concerns:

There is a general concern that contracts are not aligning with professional goals. And there appears to be a lack of consistency in expectations.

Policies:

There is a lack of transparency regarding new policies and procedures. Faculty have seen policies change without explanation or consideration of a timeline.

Summer is a good example, this late policy change did not give faculty time to save or plan in advance.

There is a concern that decisions are not made in public forums or announced publicly.

Faculty communication with the administration has become difficult.

Meeting adjourned.