

Resident Faculty Organization

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August 2018 General Assembly Meeting of the RFO

Location: CIC 221
Date: August 24, 2018
Time: 3:00pm

Agenda Items:

- I. Updates
 - A. Information item: Update from RFO Chair
 - i. Meetings with Chancellor Haynes
 - B. Information item: Quick updates from Committees
 - i. Library Committee
 - ii. Space Committee
 - C. Information item: Update from Faculty Senate

- II. Constituent Concerns
 - A. Information item: Ongoing business
 - i. Policies
 - ii. Communication
 - B. Discussion item: New business
 - i. Library design
 - ii. Faculty Support

- III. Announcements, Requests and Future Agenda Items

Meeting was called to order by Sarah Tragesser.

Quick update of meetings over the summer with Chancellor Haynes, VCAA Klotz and Space committees.

Past funding of travel is unsustainable. Sarah and Martin worked through a formula to reduce this budget line, while still supporting research and scholarship of faculty. Official policy will be distributed by VCAA office.

Library organization discussion: From last meeting the faculty wanted group study space, reading room with a "traditional" feel, technology and plugs, keep computer lab in the library, books should be visible but not block light, better utilization of windows and natural light upstairs.

For an upstairs design: what do we consider to be Student Success?

Library staff need additional support and training opportunities.

When do we get to begin conversations of library resources, aside from the space?

Discussion will be continued with the Space Committee and the chancellor.

New Business:

There is no guarantee of resources, including a computer, when faculty are hired. VCAA suggested RFO ask the chancellor for this support.

General agreement that a computer should be expected.

Key replacement cost is also of concern to the faculty.

Faculty Retreat concerns:

Faculty Retreat should involve more faculty input in planning. How can RFO support these efforts in the future?

Meeting adjourned by Sarah Tragesser.