

Resident Faculty Organization

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

November 2018 General Assembly Meeting of the RFO

Location: CIC 125T
Date: November 9, 2018
Time: 3:00pm

Agenda Items:

- I. Updates
 - A. Information item: Update from RFO Chair
 - i. Meetings with Chancellor Haynes
 - ii. Leadership Council report
 - iii. Academic Director Meeting report
 - B. Information item: Quick updates from Committees
 - i. Library Subcommittee
 - ii. WSU and WSUTC committee requests
 - C. Information item: Update from Faculty Senate

- II. Constituent Concerns
 - A. Information item: Ongoing business
 - i. Budget
 - ii. Strategic Planning
 - B. Discussion item: New business
 - i. NTT tracks/titles

- III. Announcements, Requests and Future Agenda Items

- IV. Upcoming dates:
 - A. Chancellor's Open Forum to discuss upcoming VCAA hire: November 13
 - B. RFO Brownbag with ASWSUTC: November 27
 - C. Dean's Day: November 29
 - D. RFO Brownbag to discuss accomplishments and scholarship: December 4

Minutes:

Called to order by Sarah Tragesser.

Updates:

Chancellor Haynes agrees we should fail any search if it is not the right person. She will be hosting an open forum for the faculty to give input into the characteristics this month.

Chancellor Haynes is aware of communication issues. She has committed to 360's for Directors in Spring.

Contracts:

When will this be? Faculty would like time to prepare for their meetings. EC will discuss this with the VCAA.

Policies:

Policy Policy is that John will solicit input from the faculty. Currently, the Hospitality Café is exploring an exclusive catering contract on campus.

New Initiative:

Inclusion Center is being proposed. This idea has not been fully realized and is in the beginning stages.

One way to further show that cultures are valued is to ensure same resources as Pullman, including legal services for students.

Branding and Marketing:

They are attempting to get away from Pullman-centric marketing.

Directors:

Kate is attempting to streamline current processes.

Library subcommittee:

Bottom floor reserved for special collections, reading room, use the back area for processing. They proposed half-shelves to separate spaces and allow for natural light. Also needs to designate quiet areas and group study rooms.

There will be no more cubicles, Meditation room is a good location for staff offices. Director of Library office is on bottom floor, and the test center would stay as is.

Top floor reserved for Writing Center, Tutor Center, Advising, and additional Student Services needs. What this looks like is not yet determined.

When will the library begin discussing increased resources for the library and not just space? As a university (and the Drive to 25) a good library should be paramount and supported. Should there be a campus-wide committee for this purpose? EC will discuss this with the chancellor.

Faculty Senate:

Aiming toward "one university" and provost spoke about us as one university and ways to improve our system-wide structure/resources.

Budget Forum update:

Ray presented the budget in an easy-to-understand way. Appears to be taking ownership and has an interest in moving forward with “investments” and not just chasing the money.

Strategic Planning:

Laying the groundwork for getting input. John’s office will send out a survey asking about our values, vision and steps to obtain these ideals.

Each Director has been asked about their strategic plan. Education has an excellent plan in place.

Discussion: vision should come first; what is the direction of TC?; We need to align to Drive to 25, and undergrad education may not get us there; TC also wants to align with WSU’s strategic plan (which is currently being revised).

NTT Title changes:

This is a continued initiative of Faculty Senate. They are closer, but not complete.

New Business:

Our graduate student recruitment is not receiving the same support it has in years past. This should not fall to individual faculty. What is the campus doing to grow enrollments and support graduate education? This will be taken on by the EC.

Meeting was adjourned by Sarah Tragesser.