April 2019 General Assembly Meeting of the RFO

Location: CIC 223
Date: April 10, 2019
Time: 12-1pm

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:
      i. Quick update from Committees
      ii. Quick update from Faculty Senate

II. Discussion Item: Announcements, Requests and Future Agenda Items

III. Discussion Item: Upcoming events
   A. Requests
   B. Faculty off-campus social in late April
   C. Brown Bag in April (Brags) and May (Chancellor Haynes)

VCAA Job description
Assoc VCFA possibility -- is 25% enough. Sends a message that this is not a priority
Will this cause less oversight of faculty development? Rubber Stamp?

What is the org chart of how this position will work with faculty and Kate?
How will communication happen to the faculty?
We still don’t know who to email about what?
Fall Retreat--clarify what these positions are and what is in each person’s domain? We lean too heavily on informal relationships--relying on the same people for things that are not their job--creating inequity to access because you aren’t in that college/dept/ location of dept. Are we creating barriers within the system.

RFO will provide input to the job descriptions.

Leadership/Director meetings were used for Title IX trainings.

Communication is not effective. Directors don’t translate from meetings to faculty - translate the information. Who communicates policy-- this should not come from staff. John will communicate policy.

Email listserv. Could have been where the backlog occurred.

Tracks and Appointments update

Whiteboards are coming!
First: Floyd 252
Floyd 230, 252, 230, 243, 239, -- Math, Statistics and Education

First Friday upcoming

Janet: Faculty Teaching Award--info collecting session
More opportunities, should be a way for the faculty could give back. Unit-wide. Opportunity to promote each other.