

Resident Faculty Organization

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

September 2017 General Assembly Meeting of the RFO

Location: CIC 221
Date: September 8, 2017
Time: 3:00pm

Members present:

RFOEC: Harvey Gover, Kathleen Cowin, Tim Baker, Sarah Tragesser, Dan Mitchell, Robin Ebert Mays, Laura Hollister-Meadows, Bin Yang.

Yun-Ju Hsiao, Michael Mays, Francisco Serratos, Mark Mansperger, Paul Strand, Rhonda Hammond, W. J. Cooper, Sarah Newcomer, Vanessa Cozza, David Lowry, Sarah Roley, Tanya Cheeke, Paul Skilton, Jonah Firestone, Bob Lewis.

Sarah began meeting with providing updates.

Personnel and budget:

There is a review from Pullman to review personnel and budget, and it has been determined that HR will directly report to Pullman HR

V&E is now all in the TC, final two years must be completed on the TC campus and implementation of an advisory board for the WSC

College in the High School has been delayed. The provost's office will determine its future.

TRiOS under Enrollment management

Overall, there has been continuous attention and concern from the Provost and President for our campus.

Committees:

Faculty Senate: The overriding concern is the budget.

RFO has requested that Faculty Senate consider a 12 month pay option for faculty on a 9 month contract.

Parking committee is not meeting until the new chancellor is in place.

Housing committee is not meeting. The current project is now on hold until the new chancellor is in place, and its continuation will be up to his/her discretion

Concerns/Questions from the faculty:

Continued discussion of Running Start students and how this program meets the mission of Washington State University. It is positive that offering these type classes help meets the land-grant mission of the

university. There continues to be concerns among the faculty of an over-saturation of minors and its effect on the quality of the college experience for both the college and high school students in the classroom.

The suggestion was made that we invite AA to a future RFO meeting to get a better understanding of the goals and outcomes of this program.

Chancellor search is on schedule, moving quickly. Campus interviews in November. Faculty will give feedback and have opportunity to meet and greet. We would like to have faculty participate, including listening sessions, ranking of the candidates and recording the job talks.

Faculty would like to make sure the search committee are aware of the priorities of the faculty.

Faculty Development:

Suggested upcoming events:

Brown bags, discussion includes tenure and promotion; IT and Blackboard, training on Akindi,

New faculty orientation went well.

All faculty are invited to the Budget Review Process Town Hall at 1:30-2:30pm and the dedication at 3pm. Faculty support is much appreciated.

New Healthy Campus Initiative. Needs faculty representation on the committee to address the physical, and mental health needs on campus.

New Advising position needs a faculty representation. Jim Cooper has volunteered

An ASWSUTC request has been made to allow a student representative to attend meetings. We are gathering more information. Discussion regarding whether ASWSUTC should be considered administration and treated as such and be invitation-only. Vote on invitation-only and limited to the first 15 minutes. All agreed. No dissent.

Open Discussion:

Role of Robert's Rules of Order in the RFO General Assembly. Discussion resulted in allowing for more casual, open discussion during the meeting and to implement RRO when the meeting calls for regular order.

Public thanking of Sarah Tragesser's leadership and offer to ensure the faculty are effectively supporting the RFO Chair.

Sarah is also now attending the Director's meetings, to help facilitate the faculty voice within the directors/VCAA. Already has proven helpful.

WSU libraries also charge fines. Bring back your books. And pay your fines.

Meeting adjourned.