



Resident Faculty Organization

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY
TRI-CITIES

RFOEC Meeting

Date: 11/18/2020

Time: 11am

Participants: RFOEC, Guest – Karen Diller

Location: Zoom

Attending: Karen Diller, Paul, Kevin, Harvey, Sara, Kathleen, Ryan

Agenda Items:

- I. Special Guest: Karen Diller, WSU Vancouver Libraries
 - a. Asking about library services on TC campus
 - b. Space Planning area of Study
 - c. Coming up with a plan implement virtual services
 - d. Faculty Input
 - i. Course Reserves for Textbooks
 1. Faculty Donations a possibility
 2. ASWSUTC Budget for Textbook purchases
 - ii. Quiet place to read
 - iii. Mostly Transition to Digital
 - iv. Course Reserves less important if less expensive resources used
 - v. Issues with Journal Access in Education/Mentoring
 - vi. Not a large amount of Library Instruction
 - e. No recommendation on Simian Lab
 - f. Explore Implementation of Faculty Reserve -> potentially with ASWSUTC?
- II. RFO Chair Updates
 - a. Proposal to extend BA in Business Administration in Everett
 - i. Should get extended input from Business Faculty
 - b. Update about creation of bylaws committee -> Ryan Learn and Kevin Fiedler
 - c. Strategic Enrollment Management team creation
 - d. Designee for Leadership Council on 11/18 -> Robin Mays
 - e. All historical RFOEC agendas and minutes are now on website
 - f. Notice of upcoming poll for spring meeting times
 - g. Reminder of upcoming meetings
 - i. 12/2 - RFOEC Meeting with Ray White

- ii. 12/3 - RFO Faculty Lunch Forum with Christine Portfors
- iii. 12/8 - RFO Faculty Lunch Forum with Ray White
- iv. 12/10 - Last RFOEC Meeting for Fall 2020

III. Time Sensitive Item - Faculty Giving Challenge on 12/1

- a. Jaime Heppler wants to run a Faculty Giving Challenge on 12/1 to raise money for student emergency hardship fund because it has all been spent
- b. Proposal is to do \$1000 (or some other dollar value) from faculty which would be matching funds for donations on 12/1, then if goal is met there is some challenge (think Chris Meiers jumping in river on a smaller scale)
- c. There will be staff and Hapo challenges as well
- d. Is there interest in this? Know of anyone who is willing to head this up?
 - i. General Support, should have more heads up next time
 - ii. Ryan will head this up

IV. Update from Faculty Senate

- a. Athletic Department Bailout Paralyzing Senate and Steering Committee
- b. Notice of NRC (No Record, COVID) grade proposal
 - i. Passed Senate, may go to Regents
 - ii. Guidance coming from Registrar
- c. New career track Faculty Senator election for spring to fill Sara Petersen's spot
 - i. Recorder will handle election.
 - ii. Qualtrics
 - iii. Solicitation for Candidates Email ASAP
- d. How should information from Senate/Steering be communicated to RFOEC/RFO?
 - i. Should there be a designee among the Senators?
 - ii. Should it pass through Recorder/Chair who then contacts Cheryl?
 - 1. Pass through the Recorder
 - 2. Just relay, no editorially or synthesizing function.

V. Discussion about name change away from Brown Bags

- a. Context: Bin commented that the history of Brown Bag is considered offensive due to its use a "paper bag test" for gauging skin color. The intent was not to cause pain or suffering, so an interim name was used until an RFOEC discussion.
- b. Sources:
 - <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/northamerica/usa/10219389/Seattle-bans-words-citizen-and-brown-bag.html>,
 - <https://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/news/jimcrow/question/2014/february.htm>,
 - <https://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/news/jimcrow/question/2014/february.htm>,
 - <http://www.watchtheyard.com/history/brown-paper-bag/>,
 - <https://newsfeed.time.com/2013/08/06/dont-call-it-a-brown-bag-lunch-seattle-frowns-on-popular-term/>

- c. Interim name: Faculty Lunch Forum
- d. Is there a better name that we should switch to?
 - i. Faculty Lunch and Learn for Spring 2021

VI. Scheduling a General Assembly meeting

- a. Want another chance to check in with faculty to see if there are questions
- b. Perhaps during Dead Week or at beginning of next semester?
 - i. Preference for Next Semester

VII. By-laws Committee Update

- a. Discussion about voting for faculty senators raised by Paul Skilton
- b. Run by Senate Leadership might be advisable

VIII. Request for New Business