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.
   Sources:
   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/,
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