



# Resident Faculty Organization

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY  
TRI-CITIES

## RFOEC Meeting

**Date:** 4/7/2021

**Time:** 1:00 pm

**Participants:** RFOEC, Vice Chancellor for Research

**Location:** Zoom

**Attending:** Christine, Bob, Kevin, Ryan

### Agenda Items:

#### I. Opening Remarks

- a. Thoughts on Closing of the Semester
- b. Desire for Computer Science Lab
  - i. Noel Schulz good resource
  - ii. Linux Lab Discussion
  - iii. Graduate Students in CS need more support TC campus.
    1. Allocation of TA appointments coming from a variety sources
- c. PNNL Graduate Fellowships
  - i. Distinguished Graduate Research Program
    1. Collaboration between PNNL and WSU Faculty
    2. <https://natlab.wsu.edu/dgrp/>
    3. Requires both WSU and PNNL funding.
- d. 495: Upper Division Undergrads as TA
  - i. Mostly used for grading as opposed to teaching labs.
- e. AWS
  - i. Alternative to computer labs and kamiak usage
  - ii. Some concerns
    1. Technical difficulties for students
    2. Equity issue of students accessing AWS
    3. Concern about ongoing costs.
- f. Discussion of Online and In Person Instruction

#### II. Academic Director job description

- a. Input Amount
  - i. Relatively little input

- ii. Prewritten Job Description was massaged
  - b. Implementation vs Description
    - i. No academic directors are generally following their job descriptions.
    - ii. Better alignment between VCAA's desires and known responsibilities for Academic Directors
    - iii. Creation of Guidelines by VC's to delegate work appropriately to AD's.
    - iv. Decision-making process should be centered at appropriate level of relevance.
  - c. Term Lengths
  - d. FTE
  - e. Academic Director Faculty Meetings
    - i. 1 General CAS per semester
    - ii. Monthly Arts or Sciences Meeting
    - iii. SEAS meetings monthly, departments weekly.
  - f. Generalize Implementation of "Program Leads" across programs.
    - i. Vancouver has biweekly meetings between AD and Program Leads
- III. Promotion meetings with groups of faculty
- a. Career-Track Meeting Upcoming
    - i. 4/21, 3-4pm

IV. Computer replacement for faculty with/without grants -> Not discussed due to time