



Resident Faculty Organization

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY
TRI-CITIES

Fall 2021 General Assembly Meeting of the RFO

Location: Zoom

Date: 10/15/2021

Time: 3:00pm

Attending: Ryan, Kevin, Martin, Elsa, Elly, Allan, Kathleen, Messiha, Paul, Allison, Mark, Cigdem, Jim, Nelmi

Agenda Items:

- I. Updates from RFO chair
 - a. Report on RFOEC elections
 - i. CAS – Robert Franklin
 - ii. Engineering – Messiha Saad
 - iii. Career Track Faculty Senator – Elsa Silva Lopez
 - iv. Tenure Track Faculty Senator – Yonas Demissie
 - v. Recorder – Ryan Learn
 - b. Contact Info
 - i. Website: <https://tricitie.wsu.edu/academics/faculty-resources/rfo/>
 - ii. RFO email address: tricitie.rfo@wsu.edu
 - c. General announcements
 - i. WSU Tri-Cities Master Calendar
 - i. Can be added to outlook calendar
 - ii. Contact Kevin for information
 - ii. Library acquisition committee
 - i. Let Kevin know if you are interested.
 - ii. Not funded through the Chancellors Funding List
 - iii. Budget Line Item Already Exists (Apparently)
 - iv. Library floor outlets don't work.
 - v. Questions about the Bookie
 - a. Purchases books for the students to buy
 - b. Bookie is currently not purchasing enough books.
 - c. First Day Enrollment
 - d. Question: Financial Aid Required to Buy Books at the Bookie?
No, refunds can be used anywhere
 - iii. Compiling a list of committees, please send via email
 - i. Forward to tricitie.rfo@wsu.edu, Kevin, or Ryan
 - iv. Retirement card for Harvey Gover in CIC 125A, sign by Friday, 10/22.
 - d. Fall 2021 RFO Events

- i. September 30th 11 – 12 pm Forum with Sandra Haynes (recording available)
- ii. October 27th, 10:45-11:45am President + Provost faculty visit.
- iii. November 16th 9 – 10 am Forum with Kate McAteer
- iv. December 1st 3 – 4 pm Forum with Christine Portfors

II. Vice-Chair Election

- a. Nominations due by Friday, 10/22 at 11:59 pm

III. October 27th, 10:45-11:45am President + Provost faculty visit.

- a. Should Academic Directors and Admins be in the Room? -> Generally fine if only in their faculty capacity
- b. Agenda will be controlled by RFO/Kevin
- c. Concerns about platitudes answers; maybe consider possible answers
- d. Qualtrics link here. https://wsu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6Yh66xTMcmWFuBg
- e. Questions about global campus contract implications.
- f. Research Administration on Tri-Cities campus.
 - i. General Concerns about massive admin turnovers
 - ii. Very Difficult to get data from HR
 - iii. Currently being investigated.

IV. Updates from Faculty Senate

- a. Upcoming Budget Session Update
 - i. Generally Positive Outlook
- b. Mixed Cooperation on COVID Info
- c. Budget Bailout for Football Team discussions are ongoing.
- d. Everett RFO Up and Running
- e. Spokane RFO not established yet.
- f. Concern about the lack of a 1% salary raise in 2019, and salaries going forward.
 - i. Washington Association of State Employees
 - ii. AFSME Local 28.

V. Discussion -> Not discussed due to time

- a. How do you prefer to receive communications?
- b. Access Center accommodations
- c. Academic director job expectations?
- d. Recommendations/resources for on-boarding/exit processes

VI. Request for New Business

- a. Concerns about enrollment implications for the Spring covid hold.
- b. Concerns about HR processing of Admin contracts.