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:

1. 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 Lear
   b. Contact Info
      i. Website: https://tricities.wsu.edu/academics/faculty-resources/rfo/
      ii. RFO email address: tricities.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 tricities.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 platitude 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.