



Resident Faculty Organization

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY
TRI-CITIES

RFOEC Meeting

Date: 2/23/2022

Time: Noon

Participants: RFOEC

Location: Zoom

Attending: Allan, Kevin, Kathleen, Paul, Robin, Robert, Cigdem, Messiha

Agenda Items:

- I. RFO Chair Updates -> Exempt
 - a. State of the Campus on Wednesday, 2/23 at 3pm on Grand Staircase in TCOL/Zoom
 - b. Associate Vice Chancellor for Research position open for applications: **Actually has closed**
 - i. 15 people are qualified
 - ii. Allan did not apply
 - iii. We should have some role in this selection.
 - c. Working towards a faculty advisory group for the access center at WSUTC, for now send feedback to Jordyn Creighton
 - i. Following Pullman model.
 - ii. Tri Cities decisions may be being made in Pullman, use this as a starting point to possibly get on Pullman committee.
 - iii. Faculty senate agrees that faculty input should exist in accommodations process.
 - iv. Current Working Model is Student Driven Process
 - v. Possibly an issue of a distributive model.
 - d. Upcoming RFO Events:
 - i. RFO General Assembly – February 25th at 2 pm
 - ii. RFO Forum with ASWSUTC – March 2nd at 11 am
 - iii. RFOEC Meeting with Christine Portfors – March 9th at noon
 - iv. RFO Forum with Jaime Heppler – March 22nd at 4pm
 - v. RFOEC Meeting – March 23rd at 4pm
- II. Update from Faculty Senate -> Exempt
 - a. Steve Bollens
 - i. Legislative Supplemental Budget coming out today
 - ii. Very thorough power point from him available on the senate website.
 - b. Push from Vancouver faculty for local control of teaching modality.

- i. Large fissures exist among faculty on this issue.
 - ii. Next steps are to collect data on faculty preferences on this issue .
 - iii. Issue collecting data due to trust issues with the administration.
- c. Faculty Affairs Committee updates to manual.
 - i. Career-Track will be included in eligibility for chairs and academic director positions.

III. RFO Survey -> Not discussed due to time

- a. What is the most important issue that we want to ask about?
- b. Suggested that we also work with ASWSUTC to ask about teaching modalities

IV. Budget requests - Expedited

- a. Due March 29th to Becky Gubser
- b. Budget workshops March 1st and 7th
- c. What sort of topics should we focus on this year?
 - i. Dedicated tutoring center funding.
 - ii. Summer Pay
 - 1. Senate EC has been in discussion with provost about these.
- d. Historically have submitted:
 - i. Successful: Classroom equipment replacement (22), equity pay request (22), computer replacement (21)
 - ii. Unsuccessful: Adjunct pay raise (22), travel budget request (21), professional organization membership funds (21)

V. Request for New Business -> Not discussed due to time