

FACULTY MEETING AGENDA

September 7, 2016

3:35 PM

Heritage Commons, Samuel Reed Hall Building

Introduction of new faculty
Introduction of student, PAT and other observers
Pre-announcement – 2/3 majority fix in task force information

Meeting called to order

I. Acceptance of the draft minutes of the May 4, 2016 meeting.

(Sent as separate email file attachment)

II. Reports

A. President

(distributed via email, available to answer questions during the meeting)

B. Academic Deans

(distributed via email, available to answer questions during the meeting)

C. Principal Policy Making Committees

(short report from the General Education Committee and brief description of the Faculty Bylaws Task Force being formed by the Faculty Steering Committee are attached at the end of this document, committee chairs are available to answer questions during the meeting)

D. Cluster Guides

(available to answer questions during the meeting)

III. Old Business

None

IV. New Business

A. Resolutions of Standing Committees

None

B. Other New Business

None

VI. Adjournment

Announcements and Faculty Scholarship Fund raffle will immediately follow the end of the meeting

Report from the General Education Committee

(submitted by Wendy Palmquist, committee chair)

At the May 2016 Gen Ed Committee meeting after meeting with the Gen Ed task force, and considering the questions about the interface of Gen Ed with the developing cluster model, the committee decided to suspend reviewing sunset material for the coming year, and focus instead on what kinds of changes should be made, if any, to our current Gen Ed program. All deadlines will jump forward one full year, until further notice.

Faculty Bylaws Task Force

(submitted by Lourdes Avilés as interim chair of the Faculty Steering Committee)

The Faculty Steering Committee, in consultation with the faculty speaker and the academic deans and in recognition of the many changes that have occurred during the last few years and the bigger changes coming up, is forming a task force to begin the process of revising the Plymouth State University Faculty Bylaws. We expect that the full process will take several years, but the initial task force charge is only for the 2016-17 academic year.

Composition

The task force will consist of the faculty speaker and three to six additional faculty volunteers interested in the update and revision of the Faculty Bylaws. The faculty speaker, in consultation with the Faculty Steering Committee, will appoint the additional members of the task force from among the volunteers. At the end of the 2016-17 academic years members can choose to continue the task the following year when the continuing bylaws task force is formed for the following academic year.

Charge and Timeline

The task force will, in consultation with the steering committee, the principal policy making committees, the academic deans and the president, review the entire document and identify various levels of changes needed (for example, cleanup items, issues that require moderate policy changes, issues that require major policy changes, issues that need to wait for new structures and initiatives to take place, etc.).

The task force will provide the Steering Committee motions to start applying those changes throughout the academic year to be included in the next faculty meeting agenda and be voted on by the faculty (bylaw changes require 2/3 majority of members present in the meeting).

At the end of the academic year, the task force will identify what the next steps should be, make recommendations to the Steering Committee, and report to the faculty.