FO President's Report to Senate for 2025-03-14

President's Open Forum

In response to a request from faculty org, President McMahan held an open forum for faculty on April 7th. The President shared her vision for the university and took questions from the faculty. The forum was well attended, and I'd like to thank the faculty who showed up. President McMahan identified some of the things she had been working on in response to faculty concerns that she had heard, and faculty requested more frequent and informative updates on work in progress. Workload issues were also highlighted as the number one concern of faculty. I would remind faculty that workload and working conditions are outside of the purview of FO, and encourage faculty to contact the union with their concerns.

Recall of a Senator

Geosciences asked for their Senator to be recalled. Since their petition met the criteria for AP 301-21.4-2.d.(5) Recall of Elected Members, I was required to remove Erin Dasher. Geosciences elected Chad Pritchard as their new Senator. AP 301-21.4-2.d.(5) states

> Recall of Elected Members. Senators serve at the discretion of their academic units. A valid petition from a department or representational unit containing more than 50 percent of the members' names would require the chair of the Senate to declare the seat vacant and an election would be held to fill the unexpired term.

FYE Lunch

SSRC and student affairs hosted a lunch for faculty and staff who might have an interest in contributing to the university wide revamp of FYE, and working on an experimental FYS course in fall, with the goal of proposing to GEC and CPAC next academic year. Faculty turnout was low, and I would like to remind Senators to submit nominations of faculty who may be interested in working on FYE to SSRC through me.