

Minutes for the Faculty Affairs Committee Meeting, November 28, 2023

Members attending: Suzanne Raitt (Dean), Elizabeth Barnes, Josh Burk, J.C. Poutsma (scribe), Marc Sher, Cristina Stanciou, Peter Vishton

- 1) FAC minutes from 11/14/2023 were approved
- 2) Updates from Suzanne:
 - a) The BoV strongly approved of the new school
 - b) There will be no increase in graduate student tuition next year
 - c) Facilities management has new plans to modify the workflow – big issues will be handled by the Dean’s office in order to take some of the burden from Chairs. Details will be shared with CCPD
 - d) The Dean’s office is interviewing for positions and looking at new Chairs for next year
 - e) The committee on the future of Arts and Sciences was discussed with some members in place
- 3) Wanjirũ attended the rest of the meeting. DEI issues related to merit review will be brought to the FAS meeting in February. She and Suzanne will work on a possible bullet point to be added to the merit review policy – one concern is how to do with appeals on the basis of DEI concerns, perhaps the vice-Dean and/or Wanjirũ can be involved with such appeals. There will be a website set up for best practices. FAC will look over these issues in the spring.
- 4) Meeting adjourned at 3:22.