

SUMMARY OF FAC MEETING ON DECEMBER 20, 2012

- Discussion of process for moving Curriculum Review forward.
 - Decision to have voting in person only on this issue at FAS meetings, in accordance with the information provided by the A&S Parliamentarian that in-person voting is required by Robert's Rules of Order.
 - Decision to offer survey of possible meeting times for special meetings of FAS on this issue in order to enable the maximum number of faculty to be present for deliberation and voting. Bill Cooke will develop the survey; Terry Meyers, as A&S Parliamentarian, will work on a preamble spelling out procedural matters, including the need for in-person voting, the provision of a secret ballot, and the need for substantive amendments to be presented in advance in writing. Survey to be distributed to the faculty before the start of the new semester.
 - Recommendation that the Executive Summary of the Curriculum Steering Review Committee (CRSC) be used as the starting point for discussion among the faculty on this issue and that the discussion of the curriculum revision take place in seriatim, with amendments to the curriculum being voted on as necessary, but holding a final vote on the revision until all aspects of the new curriculum have been considered.
 - Recommendation that a procedure be offered whereby this starting point could be rejected by the faculty, if it so chose.

- Recommendation that the principles and the framework of the Curriculum Revision be separated from one another for voting purposes and that what is meant by “framework” be clarified by EPC.
- Decision to offer extended voting hours to faculty on this issue, particularly for the initial vote on Feb. 5 and the final vote on the curriculum revision, tentatively to be held during the reading period in May.
- Decision to consult on this issue with Teresa Longo, Dean for Curriculum Review, Kim Wheatley, Chair of the Educational Policy Committee (EPC), and Terry Meyers, A&S Parliamentarian. Additional meeting of FAC to be held during the break for this consultation. Barbette Spaeth will arrange for a Doodle poll to find an appropriate time for this meeting.