

Note from the FAC meeting on January 22

1. FAC approved the summaries of the FAC Meetings on Dec. 20 and Jan. 4 for web posting
2. The Dean reported that she and the Provost agreed that classes taught by voting-eligible in Arts and Sciences should be cancelled on the afternoon of February 5, to allow those faculty to attend the meeting, discuss the EPC motion, and vote on it. The cancellation will be announced by the faculty members with classes meeting between 3:30 and 5pm on Tuesday February 5. This eliminated the need to extend voting times, and also eliminated most of the procedural motions that FAC had expected to present prior to the EPC motion.
3. FAC agreed that the Dean would first recognize Barbette Spaeth so that she could move that the vote on the EPC motion be conducted by secret ballot. If the secret ballot motion passes, FAC will distribute the ballots, and count the votes. If the secret ballot motion fails, voting will be conducted by the dean, as for any other motion.
4. All full-time faculty and emeritus faculty, as defined by the Arts and Sciences bylaws, will be allowed to vote.
5. Seriatim discussion can simply be announced by the chair, and does not need to be part of any procedural motions. Any faculty member may move that discussion should wait until the complete document is presented. If such a motion is passed, then this would prevent seriatim discussion of the proposed curriculum.
6. Amendments to the proposed curriculum need not be in writing nor published prior to the meeting at which they will be discussed. However, if any such amendment is too complicated, then a faculty member can move that it be sent to the EPC for clarification so that it can be discussed at a later meeting. This is not a method to prevent amendments, but it is simply a way to keep the discussion from devolving into a re-writing exercise.
7. FAC revised the preamble that will be submitted to the faculty with the announcement that classes. FAC also decided to include most of the preamble in the survey that will be distributed to determine which days and times will allow most faculty to attend special meetings, if the EPC motion passes and the seriatim discussion of the proposed curriculum begins.
8. FAC prepared a draft agenda for the February 5th meeting incorporating these decisions.
9. FAC reviewed the topics planned for future FAC meetings.