

Note from Faculty Affairs Committee Meeting, 2/19/13, 2:00 - 3:30

Attending: Kate Conley, Berhanu Abegaz, Suzanne Raitt, Gul Ozyegin, Barbette Spaeth, Bill Cooke, Greg Hancock, Terry Meyers (Parliamentarian), Kim Wheatley (EPC Chair), Theresa Longo (Dean of Curriculum Revision)

- 1) FAC approved the notes from the 12/12/13 meeting.
- 2) One pressing item related to the budget for ISC III was discussed. The State has proposed reducing the funding by ~\$11 million compared to the amount requested by William and Mary. Kate indicated that this was part of the typical negotiation process for building funds between the State and the College, and William and Mary will go back and defend the need for the money that was removed.
- 3) Agreed on the agenda for the Feb. 26 special meeting to discuss the curriculum revision, which will focus on the principles. Terry Meyers graciously agreed to be added to the agenda, and will describe the seriatim process that will be followed during the curriculum discussion.
- 4) We considered several procedures related to the Curriculum Revision discussions:
 - a) Agreed that amendments proposed by A&S faculty should be sent to fas-d rather than EPC. Documents sent to EPC will not be considered as proposed amendments.
 - b) To keep discussion moving, we agreed that complex amendments from the floor requiring significant clarification and discussion before a vote should be referred to EPC. FAC will monitor discussion, and move to refer such amendments to EPC if necessary. EPC will consider and clarify such amendments and return them to the next meeting for consideration by the FAS.
 - c) FAC requested that EPC maintain one document on the Curriculum Revision website. This document will include two sections: 1) a section with the full curriculum revision incorporating all amendments and revisions up to the current time; and 2) a section that contains only the motion that EPC will bring to the next scheduled meeting. The updated curriculum revision section will appear first, and will be clearly separated from the current EPC motion. Kate will announce the availability of these documents at the end of the curriculum revision meetings.
 - d) EPC has implemented a discussion board on the Curriculum Revision Blackboard site.
 - e) We considered whether the documents brought forward by EPC should be considered 1) amendments to an existing document (and therefore must be voted on for approval) or 2) an original motion that can be amended but does not require a vote for approval until the final vote on the entire curriculum revision document. We consider it to be the latter.
- 5) We discussed issues with the EPC Curriculum Revision working group selection. Several potential criticisms were noted, including lack of balance between subject areas,

overrepresentation of some departments and no representation from others, few assistant professors, and an apparent lack of transparency in selecting the working group members. To reassure the FAS that the selection process was done as fairly as possible, EPC will prepare a short description describing the selection process and provide some simple data on number of volunteers vs. number chosen, etc.

6) We discussed the FAS voting on the proposed NTE personnel policies scheduled for the March 12, 2013, FAS meeting. FAC agreed not to send a note to the Provost regarding possible outcomes of the FAS vote. We will continue to discuss how to convey to the FAS the potential implications of various voting outcomes.