

Notes from Faculty Affairs Committee meeting with Dean Kate Conley
December 3, 2013

1. Minutes of Nov 19 meeting of FAC were approved as amended.
2. FAC report to FAS meeting on Dec 3 was approved.
3. Discussion of WISE amendment to Faculty Handbook about automatic extension of probationary period after 120 days of leave. FAC discussed the procedures by which amendments to the Handbook are approved. Even though there is no official role for FAC, it was recommended that changes affecting A&S faculty should be shared with FAC when they reach Faculty Assembly for approval, or before. There was also concern about a possible conflict between the proposed amendment and A&S policy.
4. Discussion of procedures for presenting the CFTAP document (draft policies for A&S implementation of the “academic innovation” clause of the W&M Promise, Resolution 25.8). At the FAS meeting on Dec 3, the CFTAP would invite input from faculty on the draft document. No vote would be taken. At a later date, once the document is closer to its final form, A&S faculty would be given a chance to respond formally. The Dean and Provost also will suggest amendments.
5. Discussion of procedures for the final vote on the new curriculum. Barbette will send a document round to all A&S faculty explaining these.