

Notes from Faculty Affairs Committee meeting with Dean Kate Conley
April 1, 2014

1. Minutes of the Mar. 25 meeting of FAC were approved as amended.
2. The Dean announced that she is developing plans for celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of women at William & Mary (2018), including plans for an academic component (student research, courses, and woman-focused Charter Days in 2018 and 2019).
3. FAC discussed a proposal from EPC to consider additional forms of pre-matriculation credits, including the potential to award credit for military training. FAC approved the proposal and decided that it does not need to be presented to the whole A&S faculty. EPC has the power to approve it.
4. In response to an inquiry by an A&S faculty member, FAC discussed the proposed revised IP policy. It was noted that John Eisele is on the committee that is revising the policy, and that he is also on FAC next year. Barbette will find out from John what the timeline is for completion of the new policy and ask him to present it to FAC. FAC will decide whether it needs to be presented to the whole A&S faculty.
5. FAC discussed the Athletics program policy regarding missed classes. It was noted that coaches do not always update Gradesfirst (the software which tracks missed classes). It is students' responsibility to notify instructors which classes they will miss ahead of time. Requests to reschedule exams should be referred to the Dean of Students' office. FAC decided to invite Rob Hinkle (Chair of Athletics Policy Advisory Committee), Jason Simms (Assistant Athletic Director for Academic Services) and Ben Boone (Assistant to the Dean of Students) to an FAC meeting to see if communication and policy can be improved.
6. Discussion of tenure and promotion procedures was postponed to the next meeting.
7. FAC asked the Dean to invite President Reveley to the FAS meeting in October.
8. FAC discussed issues related to business innovation and efficiency (the upcoming report from Censeo). It was noted that procedures for reimbursement of travel expenses are cumbersome for all involved.
9. FAC discussed the A&S Affirmative Action Committee, which has not met for several years. Margaret Saha, its current Chair, reports that the committee will be meeting with Chon Glover to revise its charge, since although its original purpose has been superseded, the committee could be very helpful in moving A&S diversity initiatives forward. Margaret will report to FAC by the end of April.
10. FAC discussed the service component of merit evaluations. It was agreed that Chairs of A&S and College committees could be encouraged (asked?) to send CCPD an annual report describing how often they met and what business they conducted.
11. Steve Otto will create a web archive for documents related to the 2013 curriculum review.