

Minutes for Faculty Affairs Committee Meeting, March 24, 2020

Present (via Zoom): David Armstrong (Chair), Josh Burk, Kate Conley (Dean) Sarah Day, Martin Gallivan, Bill Hutton, Elizabeth Radcliffe (scribe)

1. Approved Minutes from Mar. 17

2. Updates from Dean Conley

The administration is working on communications on several fronts regarding COVID-19. Issues include budgetary questions, addressing increased xenophobia, possible changes to tenure review and course evaluations, building community in a virtual environment.

3. Other COVID-19 issues we discussed included:

- The housing situation of international students, which the university has addressed
- Privacy issues created by the use of Zoom
- The protocol for department chairs and directors, including grad directors, for communicating with EMT when a faculty member reports illness due to COVID-19

4. We discussed two revisions to the A&S Bylaws that FAC plans to propose:

- 1) Changes to EPC and FAC chair selections from election by FAS to election by the respective committees
- 2) Addition of a standing committee, the Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. We approved the text of the committee description and charge.

5. We discussed the April 7 FAS meeting

- Parliamentarian (Georgia Irby) agrees that videoconference meeting would be acceptable given circumstances
- The TE/NTE subcommittee report now has updated data and will be distributed prior to the meeting
- We will invite Matthew Lambert from Advancement to present
- The Dean will present faculty awards

6. FAC is working on filling appointed committee vacancies that begin in Fall 2020