

Faculty Affairs Committee Minutes, Apr 21 2020

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

1) Minutes of the April 14 meeting were approved

2) Updates from Dean Conley

Dean Conley reported on discussions in the College administration on the financial difficulties the college is facing as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic

3) Updates from the FAC chair

David Armstrong reported on a number of issues:

- he has communicated with incoming dean Maria Donoghue Velleca about a future meeting between her and FAC
- a number of faculty have expressed questions and concerns about the current budget freeze, among them whether spending of privately endowed funds would be affected.
- a "Mission-Critical Exceptions Review Team", of which he is a member, will be making recommendations regarding requests for exceptions to the spending freeze.
- he has advised the dean on amending a footnote to the dean's memorandum on tenure and promotion procedures regarding the handling of course evaluations for Spring 2020.

4) Committee appointments

The committee discussed potential candidates to run for openings on the Nominations and Elections committee, and heard updates on the effort to fill other committee slots.