

October 13, 2020 FAC Meeting
(via Zoom)

Present: David Armstrong, Josh Burk (co-chair), Sarah Day (co-chair and scribe), Maria Donoghue Velleca (Dean), Catherine Levesque, Jack Martin, Peter McHenry

1) The minutes of the October 6 meeting were approved.

2) From the Dean:

A position announcement for the Assistant Dean of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion will be coming soon. There will be consideration of both tenured or tenure eligible candidates and Professionals & Professional Faculty (PPF) candidates.

In response to IRS regulations that (untaxed) research funds may not be used as compensation, there will be a plan for revising the compensation structure for Chairs and Program Directors. Maria will bring this to the CCPD meeting on October 22.

3) FAC discussed and supports the plan to encourage faculty to use a remote, asynchronous teaching mode on November 3 and 4 if possible to help mediate the added time pressures and uncertainty around the upcoming presidential election.

4) FAC also discussed sending a message to students encouraging respectful dialogue during the election and adding panels and other events to help with understanding our democratic system and placing the current election in a historical context.

5) FAC discussed follow up meetings about problems surrounding Athletics and showed support for having Faculty Assembly hold a special meeting on this topic.

6) The meeting adjourned at 3:15.