

Minutes for Faculty Affairs Committee, Monday 2 March 2021

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

Meeting held on Zoom (began 2:05)

1) Approval of the minutes—

The minutes for 2/22 were approved

2) Updates from Maria

Maria reported on the on-going discussions on renaming at William & Mary

She also briefly reviewed her planned restructuring of the Dean's Office and the Charles Center

3) March FAS meeting

We reviewed and discussed the proposed changes of language for the COLL 300

4) Further feedback regarding Data Science presentation

Maria noted that the Data Science (along with American Studies and Africana Studies) was looking to shift from a Program to a Department

Sarah sketched in the history of Data Science at William and Mary and laid out the place of Mathematics in Data Science. The committee discussed the role of prerequisites and the ways in which a program might move to become a department.

5) Policies for Faculty Manual

The work done and changes made to the Faculty Manual were noted, but there was no time for discussion.

6) Other business

The question of merit was raised. David noted the usefulness of a sliding scale and a hybrid model.

7) Adjourned 3:15