

Minutes for the Faculty Affairs Committee, March 23, 2021

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

- 1) FAC approved the minutes of March 16, 2021.
- 2) Janice Zeman joined the meeting to discuss the Data Science Program proposal to become a Department. The creation of an A&S department was most recently done when the Applied Science Program became a department in the mid 1990s. FAC determined that EPC will not need to weigh in on the proposal. A motion for an Arts & Sciences vote will be raised at the April 13th meeting.
- 3) FAC discussed how to bring forward needed changes to the former Dean's memo on RPT. FAC determined that it would be best to make minimal changes and bring the new document forward as a policy for a vote at the April meeting of FAS. Jack, Cathy, and Peter have discussed changes. Jack will send the document to PRC and RPT for feedback before FAC sends it to A&S faculty in advance of the meeting.
- 4) The April FAS meeting has a full agenda and includes an invited discussion by Henry Broaddus on updates to overload/underload policies.
- 5) Maria mentioned that Covid cases on campus are increasing.
- 6) NTE contracts are still being considered. David mentioned that Faculty Assembly is also looking into how contracts are worded and the implications for "expectations of continuance".
- 7) Finally, Maria mentioned that hiring committees for the new vice and assistant deans are being formed. Michael Halleran will chair the hiring committee for the vice dean positions.
- 8) The meeting adjourned.