

Minutes for the Faculty Affairs Committee Meeting, April 27, 2021

Members: 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 from April 20, 2021.
- 2) FAC discussed the agenda for the May 4 FAS meeting.
- 3) Maria said that travel policies will continue to evolve based on updated guidelines from the CDC and that the university will have a new policy for hosting visitors on campus, including for athletic events and for job interviews. Amy Sebring will announce changes. Maria also mentioned that cuts of 1/3 of non payroll budgets started in 2020 will continue. She also announced that the search for a Dean of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) has been paused. Maria asked for FAC's input on having a member of the dean's office represent Arts & Sciences on issues of DEI until the Dean of DEI position is filled.
- 4) FAC discussed the history of data science on campus and possible next steps for supporting data science on campus.
- 5) FAC discussed the need for some remote delivery of courses for students who are not able to make it back to campus for the start of the Fall 2021 semester.
- 6) Josh began a discussion about whether FAC should meet over the summer. The tentative plan is to meet roughly every other week over the summer term.
- 7) FAC discussed the current timeline for strategic planning and Maria said that she would make suggestions to faculty about how to have their voices heard on strategic planning in her Friday email.
- 8) The meeting adjourned.