

Minutes of the Faculty Affairs Committee, 2-3:30, May 11, 2021  
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Members present (via video conference): David Armstrong, Josh Burk (co-chair), Sarah Day (co-chair), Catherine Levesque, Jack Martin (scribe), Peter McHenry. Absent: Maria Donoghue Velleca (Dean).

- 1) The minutes of May 4, 2021 were approved.
- 2) Discussion of the May 4, FAS meeting. FAC reviewed its role in the recent DEI Dean search and how the process might be improved in the coming year.
- 3) University assessment for DEI. FAC members felt there was nothing special for FAC to do in ensuring faculty representation: the impression was that assessment was being done by means of a systematic survey.
- 4) Summer FAC meeting dates. FAC will meet on May 18 and every two weeks thereafter, 2-3:30 pm. Informal plans were for the current FAC to meet until about July 1, and for next year's FAC to meet thereafter.  
  
FAC co-chairs Josh Burk and Sarah Day met with incoming FAC members Marc Sher and Silvia Tandeciarz. Burk and Day have agreed to serve again as co-chairs next year.
- 5) Follow-up on appointed committees. David Armstrong suggested there was no need to wait for the Provost to approve appointments.
- 6) Reflection on the past year. FAC considered some of the ways it had changed in the last academic year (playing a greater role in curricular or administrative matters such as Esports or Data Science). Members felt this was desirable: FAC often serves as the institutional memory of A&S, which puts it in a good position to speak to faculty concerns.
- 7) Other business. Faculty Assembly President David Armstrong provided updates on work by the Provost to make it easier to extend the tenure clock for pandemic-related difficulties; possible changes to the academic calendar (ensuring that classes are not held when staff have days off). The committee also discussed future work on P/F policies and incompletes (especially the need for more information from advisors and Student Accessibility Services). Peter McHenry summarized work by a university-wide committee reviewing hiring practices.
- 8) The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.