

Minutes for the Faculty Affairs Committee Meeting, held via Zoom, 5-6pm on September 27, 2021

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Members: Josh Burk (co-chair), Sarah Day (co-chair and scribe), Maria Donoghue Velleca (Dean), Elizabeth Barnes, John Eisele, Peter McHenry, Marc Sher

1) FAC deferred approval of the minutes from the meeting of September 21 to the October 5 meeting.

2) Maria discussed her recent visit to CCPD during which she focused on climate and how best to make future meetings, and especially the relationship between CCPD members and the Dean's office, more productive. She also discussed plans for more oversight of diversity plans and hiring by Vice Deans. FAC discussed whether it was possible and advisable for faculty hiring committees to have diversity information on candidates and how this possible lack of information affects diversity metrics, and oversight by those with this information, in hiring. FAC also briefly discussed how the Vice Dean portfolios were assigned.

3) FAC discussed the agenda for the October 5 FAS meeting, including whether there can be an update on plans for hires in data science. Maria said that it is not yet time for such an announcement. FAC also discussed the results of a recent FAS poll on future meeting modes and decided to continue holding FAS meetings on Zoom.

4) Sarah mentioned that John Gilmour will give the RPT report at the October 5 FAS meeting and plans to discuss RPT's roll in retention cases.

5) FAC recommends soliciting more student feedback about whether A&S diplomas should be switched from being writing in Latin to English.

6) The meeting adjourned.