

Minutes for the Faculty Affairs Committee Meeting, held via Zoom, 2:00-3:15pm on October 5, 2021

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

- 1) Minutes from September 27, 2021 were approved.
- 2) Updates from the Dean
 - a) Maria discussed her productive meeting with donors and alumni in New York
 - b) Maria discussed the new ASLC formed from donors, alumni and parents of W&M students, which will discuss at their first meeting this week Arts Visioning (“What do the Arts mean at W&M?”)
 - c) We can expect to be down more than 50 sections of COLL courses this spring, because of the additional students admitted, COLL 350 coming online, and an overwhelming demand of non-COLL courses
 - d) Maria and the Vice Deans held a three hour retreat to discuss Sustainable Curriculum
 - e) Vision 2026: Each department, program, and center in A&S is to come up with 2 or 3 big ideas/initiatives that will span Arts and Sciences. For example: a Humanities Innovation Hub for collaborative research, a Graduate Center, and/or adding an Engineering department and degree to A&S.
- 3) FAC discussed the agenda for that day’s A&S meeting
- 4) FAC discussed possible guests to invite to future A&S meetings. Perhaps the new Athletic Director, COO Amy Sebring, and/or new Director of VIMS
- 5) FAC discussed the FA’s report on Students Evaluations
- 6) FAC discussed W&M’s Return to Work policy and its uncertain future. Maria noted the importance of some kind of phased retirement policy for A&S
- 7) The meeting adjourned