

Minutes for the Faculty Affairs Committee Meeting, held via Zoom, 2-3:20 on November 29, 2021

Agenda:

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

- 1) Approval of the minutes
- 2) Updates from Maria
- 3) Dec FAS meeting
- 4) Phased retirement
- 5) Other business
- 6) Adjourn

- 1) FAC approved the minutes from November 2, 2021
- 2) Dean's report:
  - a. Maria reported on meetings which discussed who should be the signator for the university, primarily addressing the need for a general university wide standards;
  - b. discussed requests for more new funding (for programs such as the COLL curriculum, a new Graduate Center, and WMSure) and discussed the amount involved;
  - c. discussed the issue of returning staff to pre-pandemic schedules;
  - d. discussed ongoing NTE review and clarified claims regarding that review which are false; In the course of which FAC discussed the issue of a lack of a university-wide definition of NTE;
  - e. discussed issue of phased retirement possibilities at W&M, including how it would interact with continuing grants.
- 3) Liz noted that Faculty Assembly is working on a mechanism for discussing phased retirement option, including insurance options;
- 4) in discussing upcoming FAS meeting it was mentioned that the revisions of the pass/fail policy may be controverisal and engender lengthy discussion which should be addressed;
- 5) included in the discussion it was noted that Henry Broaddus will be discussing increasing undergraduate enrollment
- 6) Introduction of Maria's dog Goose;
- 7) discussion of FAS agenda
  - a. a report on the Faculty Assembly
  - b. a discussion of what counts as "sustainable curriculum"
  - c. a discussion of bylaws changes including a review of committees and committee membership, in which it was noted that CHIS is not an elected committee but rather appointed.
- 8) the meeting adjourned.