

## Minutes of the Faculty Affairs Committee, December 7, 2021

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

The meeting was held on Zoom videoconference and began at 2 p.m.

1) Approved minutes from November 29 meeting.

2) Updates from Maria

- a) Maria, Peggy Agouris, and Ginger Ambler recently discussed the responsibilities of the Dean of Students Office and Arts & Sciences, in particular whether A&S should have a larger role in some student-oriented processes.
  - i. Topics included Committee on Academic Status, academic continuance, enrollment management, the Honor Council, and Student Accessibility Services.
  - ii. FAC discussed those processes and planned for meeting with Mark Sikes (Interim Dean of Students) at the December 14 FAC meeting.
  - iii. Maria is asking for two A&S faculty to join two Dean of Students Office staff members to form a committee to study this. FAC members should nominate faculty members for the committee. Ideal candidates would have Committee on Academic Status experience or similar interaction with Dean of Students Office.
- b) Maria reported that Peggy Agouris is willing to meet with Arts & Sciences faculty including FAC or CCPD. Peggy sometimes meets with faculty of a school without the dean.
- c) Existing lecturers with contracts expiring in 2022 have been told that they will all be offered new contracts (19 of them). All but one are multi-year contracts.

3) Preparation for December FAS meeting (brief discussion)

4) Upcoming FAC meeting schedule

- a) Decided that December 14 will be our last meeting of this calendar year.
- b) Decided that our first meeting in 2022 will be Tuesday, January 18. That meeting will begin at 11 a.m. The following meeting will be Monday, January 24.

5) A&S Bylaws – Committee on Interdisciplinary Studies

- a) Discussed whether CHIS should be taken out of the Bylaws altogether or language revised to reflect separation of honors and interdisciplinary studies.
- b) Several members leaned toward taking CHIS out of the Bylaws. The Vice Dean in charge of interdisciplinary studies could rely on chairs and program directors for consultation

about self-designed majors, and could be required to report annually to the faculty on the number of self-designed majors.

6) Next steps with A&S Joint Appointment Policy. Decided to submit A&S joint appointments policy to the Procedural Review Committee (i.e., not to wait until PRC approves the university-wide joint appointments policy the Faculty Assembly recently approved).

7) Emeritus faculty on fas-d

a) Discussed whether emeritus faculty receive e-mail sent through the fas-d listserve.

b) Agreed that they should.

8) Update from Marc Sher as Faculty Assembly representative: BOV is working on permitting the president to make small changes to Bylaws.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.