

Minutes for the Faculty Affairs Committee Meeting, held via Zoom, 2-2:45 on February 15, 2022

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

- 1) FAC approved the minutes from the meeting of February 8.
- 2) FAC discussed plans for the March 1 FAS meeting, including scheduling a time for President Rowe to discuss Vision 2026 and how to add a presentation and vote on a new certificate in Computer Science. FAC also briefly discussed the need for the committee to find and announce candidates to run in the April election for positions on the Nominations & Elections Committee.
- 3) Maria updated FAC on ongoing discussions about whether there will be a tuition increase next year and/or Commonwealth – mandated salary increases. She mentioned plans for separate undergraduate and graduate graduation ceremonies as well as the timing and general structure of 5 recent and upcoming external reviews of A&S departments and programs.

Maria and FAC discussed the Evening of Excellence award ceremony planned for April and whether it makes sense to restructure how student awards are given in Arts & Sciences.

FAC members asked about next steps in developing a phased retirement program and in ISC4 space planning.
- 4) Marc mentioned that the Faculty Affairs Committee of the Faculty Assembly is considering plans to apply for NSF ADVANCE funds to build a consortium of local institutions in support of spousal hires.
- 5) The meeting adjourned at 2:45.