

## FAC minutes

Minutes for the Faculty Affairs Committee Meeting, held via Zoom, 2-3:20 on March 8, 2022

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

1. The minutes of the Feb 21<sup>st</sup> and Mar 1<sup>st</sup> FAC meetings were approved.
2. Maria provided an update on the phased transition plan. There is uncertainty as to the requirements needed to continue benefits during the (up to 2 year) transition period. This will be resolved soon and it is hoped that the details will be announced to the faculty by the end of the month, with interested faculty needed to decide by mid-May. It was agreed that in future years, this deadline would be much sooner to accommodate teaching assignments.
3. Maria discussed the future of the Committee on Academic Status. It is highly unusual for it to be located in the Dean of Students office rather than A&S. Discussions are underway.
4. The agenda for the April meeting was discussed. The CAS report will be at that meeting. The Provost will be invited to update the faculty on ISC4 and the phased transition plans and someone should be invited to discuss the budget (Amy or someone from her office)
5. Housing was discussed. The rental market off-campus is tight, leading to a shortage of on-campus housing. Additionally, more juniors and seniors wish to stay on campus to have the "on-campus" experience that so many missed during the pandemic.
6. FAC also discussed the appointed committees (which are proceeding) as well as the problem of the response rates for course evaluations being too low.
7. CCPD has brought up the definition of "research active" and FAC discussed whether the current arrangement for research leaves makes sense. It was also noted that pre-tenure leaves are often given without the Dean being informed.
8. The meeting adjourned at 3:20.