

Minutes for the Meeting of the Faculty Affairs Committee held via Zoom on May 3, 2:00pm

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

- 1) Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting was postponed to the May 10 meeting.

- 2) FAC discussed the schedule for the May 3 FAS meeting. At the FAS meeting, Maria will talk about the phased retirement pilot and FAC briefly discussed who should be included in the development of similar programs. Maria will mention recent work on a new NTE/Term Faculty framework. (She mentioned that this work will pause soon, with town halls planned for Fall.) Maria and Amy Sebring will discuss budget (unfortunately still waiting for state-level decisions before more is known), and Maria will also give an update on ongoing sustainable curriculum work.

- 3) Maria mentioned that the search for the new Assistant Dean of Graduate Studies and Research is ongoing.

- 4) Several members of FAC nominated Peter McHenry to serve as FAC Chair next year. Peter graciously agreed.

- 5) FAC and Maria discussed whether faculty will be included on the main stage at graduation and the committee felt strongly that it is important to see faculty on the stage. An FAC member also asked whether regalia can be purchased using start up funds. Sarah and Maria will follow-up on this question.

- 6) FAC is nearing completion of their work on finding faculty to serve on appointed committees. FAC also discussed the procedure for finding someone to serve as the next FAS secretary. Finally, FAC decided that Josh and Sarah will reach out to Dana Lashley, Chair of CDEI, to set up a meeting to talk about the structure of and support for this relatively newly-formed committee.

- 7). The meeting adjourned.