

## FAC Minutes Tuesday 17 January 2023

The meeting started at 2:00 PM on Zoom

Members attending: Elizabeth Barnes, Peter McHenry (chair), Marc Sher, Cathy Levesque (scribe), Ayfer Stump, J.C. Poutsma.

1) Approval of the minutes was deferred until next week.

2) Update on ToR Framework and discussion of future steps--

Discussion on whether the ToR framework as revised by Carrie Nee needs to be voted on by the faculty. There was tentative agreement that a vote by the entire faculty including ToR members would provide transparency and inclusion. Such a vote would presume BOV approval of the framework and will have to take place promptly (announce it 2/7, vote 2/14).

3) Computation and Data Science--

The members who attended gave a quick review of the Data Science Vision meeting in December before a more general conversation about the Computational and Data Science Steering Committee formed by the provost. Discussion centered on two areas: the lack of a member with a background in quantitative social science and the need of the committee to address larger issues raised in relation to arts and sciences.

4) Honor Council question from Peter—

Peter asked the committee's view on the policy requiring that faculty meet with a student to discuss an Honor Council violation before reporting it to the Honor Council. Marc spoke in support of the policy. Peter noted that it's costly to faculty and suggested it could discourage accusations and lead to arbitrary and inconsistent treatment of students (depending on their professor). This was followed by a more general discussion of honor council policies and the new issues raised by ChatGPT.

5) Enrollment pressures moving forward—

Peter noted the general concern among faculty about the increase in student enrollment and the result—the highest faculty student ratio ever. Jeremy Martin has formed a committee to investigate this. FAC is pleased that this problem is being taken seriously but would prefer more faculty representation on the committee. Peter mentioned that there would be more information coming our way on this. J.C. described the particular pressures on the Chemistry department which does not have sufficient lab space for all the students who want to take courses.

- 6) J.C. spoke about the problems PRC was having with the new merit procedures instituted by Maria but not approved by the faculty. As he put it—the PRC has to know what they are reviewing. Peter assured him that he would pass this on to the dean. It was agreed by the committee that this would be a major agenda item next week.

The meeting ended at 2:50.