FAC Minutes Tuesday 31 January 2023

The meeting started at 2:00 PM

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

1) The minutes were approved

2) Updates from the Dean

   a. The BOV requested information about faculty productivity.   A memo to the Provost is prepared and with be shared with Peter and the Dean Team.
   b. The first meeting of the Computer and Data Science "entity" committee went very well.   It appears to be an open process with input from many sources. There are many possible models and no decisions have been made yet.

3) The FAS meeting agenda on Feb. 7th was reviewed.
   a. A particular issue concerned the ToR Faculty Framework.   FAC felt that there should be no motion presented at the FAS meeting on Feb. 7th, but a special meeting one week later should be held at which time the entire voting faculty (including NTEs) would vote as a unit, assuming the expected Handbook change is approved by the BOV.   The Dean will discuss the changes at the FAS meeting, but no specific motion will be introduced.
   b. There will be a motion on GRE requirements presented by Chris Carone at the meeting. In addition, updates from the CLA and the DEI committees will be presented.   An error in the nominations and elections report was noted – Peter followed up and found that it was just a typo.

4) Pre-major advising was also discussed.   Virtually all students needing COLL100 or COLL150 has been accommodated.

5) The departmental merit policies were discussed.   PRC has taken no action since it isn't clear what action should be taken.   The changes in merit policies will not take place during this academic year.   More will be on the FAC agenda at the next meeting.

6) There were questions raised about the F&A rate on grants and the reason for recent increases.

The meeting ended at 3:20.