

Faculty Affairs Committee

Minutes—April 4, 2PM-3:15PM Dean's office, Ewell

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

- 1) The FAC minutes of March 28 were approved
- 2) Peter introduced a few minor changes to the agenda for the April 11 FAS meeting, these were approved.
- 3) Peter noted that in an email to CCPD Ben Boone had raised the question of formulating guidelines for the Role of TAs in the Undergraduate Classroom. The committee discussed this after noting the differences among various units of A&S. They agreed there was likely to be a growing issue but also pointed out a number of issues that had to be resolved. There was also some talk about the usefulness of Grade Scope in keeping student work anonymous which would open up some possibilities.
- 4) The committee reviewed the Merit guidelines Peter had crafted and which they had worked on previously. They made a few minor changes but agreed the guidelines were ready to be placed before the A&S faculty.
- 5) The committee discussed the means to enforce required training for faculty who are to vote on new hires as well as the current sanction of non-compliant faculty by denying them the right to vote on hiring. The consensus was that this is a problem, but one that had to be addressed at the University level (Faculty Assembly). Marc Sher volunteered to pass this information on to John Gilmour (President of Faculty Assembly).