

Faculty Affairs Committee
Minutes 16 May 2023

In attendance: Suzanne Raitt (Dean), Liz Barnes, Cathy Levesque (scribe), Peter McHenry, Marc Sher, Ayfer Stump, JC Poutsma, Peter Vishton (new member)

The meeting began at 2:00

- 1) Suzanne introduced Peter Vishton and mentioned that Cristina Stancioiu, our other new member, was traveling
- 2) The minutes of 2 May were approved
- 3) Updates from Suzanne on:
 - on-going searches (8)
 - new hires (15)
 - a few failed searches
 - plans for a debriefing to streamline the hiring process instructions for next year

She noted:

- that the university budget was still waiting on the state budget
- the Dean's office is continuing their review of merit especially on developing a method for helping faculty who are doing less than well
- the Teaching Faculty Framework is moving forward and that her office would be sending notifications and contracts
- the steering committee review of Survey II (CDSAS) is on-going

- 4) JC reported on his work for the appointed committees, which he completed with a new spreadsheet which saved him time, and which should help with the process next year.

- 5) New business

Marc raised the issue of the Vice Provost of Research's COPAR report and the need for greater transparency. Discussion followed during which Ayfer asked about the Arts and Sciences criteria for faculty research grants more generally.

JC told the committee that the PRC was meeting Thursday to discuss merit procedures which would likely go to the PPC for approval in the fall.

The committee decided to cancel the 13 June meeting; the next meeting (on zoom) is 27 June.

We adjourned at 3:15.