

Faculty Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes—Approved  
01/13/2026

Members attending: Peter Vishton (Co-Chair, Scribe), Michael Hill (Co-Chair), Eric Han, Melanie Dawson, Suzanne Raitt

- We approved the minutes from the 12/02/2025 meeting by unanimous consent.
- Peter pledged to communicate with Abbie about updating FAC/FAS minutes posting on wm.edu.
- Dean's Report - The Dean updated FAC on recent work by her office.
  - Faculty searches are ongoing and making good progress. Making offers relatively early has led to good success in previous years and so we are pursuing that strategy again.
  - Budget planning is ongoing.
  - A new working group will be considering the concept of "direct admission" for incoming undergraduates to particular programs, e.g., Business majors.
  - Space allocations and re-allocations in the ISC complex are being discussed and planned.
  
- We worked on planning the agenda for the FAS 2/3/2026 meeting.
- We discussed the roles and potential roles of Teaching Faculty in various committee work.