

Faculty Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes—Approved  
01/20/2026

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

- We approved the minutes from the 1/13/2026 meeting by unanimous consent.
- We discussed the COLL Curriculum review with Josh Burk. The first phase (data collection) is ongoing based on a tight timeline. A second phase (developing suggestions for change) will follow, based on the work of a second working group. Proficiencies and COLL requirements are under consideration.
- We also discussed the progress of the Principles of Effective Teaching working group with Josh.
- We also discussed the ongoing development of the university-wide W&M Curriculum Committee with Josh.
- We discussed finding a one-semester replacement for Eric Han, who will need to step away from FAC due to a class scheduling conflict.
- Dean's Report - The Dean updated FAC on recent work by her office.
  - Consideration of policies for direct admission continues.
  - Survey sent out
  - The Dean has developed a policy for summer housing funding for undergraduates collaborating on research with faculty and has been working with departments to implement it.
  - The University is embarking on strategic planning process.