

Faculty of Arts and Sciences
Agenda March 2, 2004 - Millington 150 - 3:30pm

I. Minutes of the last meeting, February 3, 2004, posted at:
<http://www.wm.edu/as/dean/faculty/documents/minutes/20040203.pdf>

II. Elections

RPT Committee, Educational Policy Committee and Academic Status Committee
<http://www.wm.edu/as/dean/faculty/documents/rpt/20040924.pdf>

III. Report of the Administrative Officers

A. Report of the Provost

IV. Presentation by Tina Coleman on Electronic Elections (20 minutes)

FAC is interested in soliciting response from the faculty about whether elections now taking place at A&S faculty meetings should in future be done over Blackboard. This presentation is designed to show how that might be done.

V. Reports of Committees

A. Committee on Graduate Studies (10 minutes)

<http://www.wm.edu/as/dean/faculty/documents/gradstudies/Annual%20Report%20-%20March%202004.pdf>
<http://www.wm.edu/as/dean/faculty/documents/gradstudies/Annual%20Report%20Stats%202004.pdf>

B. Faculty Research Committee (15 minutes)

<http://www.wm.edu/as/dean/faculty/documents/facultyresearchcommittee/Annual%20Report%20-%20March%202004.pdf>

Discussion item: There were a record number of fundable applications this year to which FRC was not able to award grants. The chair of FRC will talk briefly about the criteria used in awarding grants (number of years in service vs. publication record, for example) and will entertain questions from the faculty.

C. Educational Policy Committee (40 minutes)

1. The EPC will propose that GER requirements be waived for College Scholars. Karen Cottrell will speak briefly to the issue from the perspective of Admissions.
2. Motion to require freshmen to take a freshman seminar their freshman year.
3. Motion to require students to declare a major at the end of their social sophomore year, rather than upon completions of 54 credits. Transfer students with 54 credits need not declare upon matriculation; they can have one full semester at the College before declaring.

4. Motion to limit the number of hours for which students can preregister to 16.

5. Proposed Revisions to the criteria for GER 2

http://www.wm.edu/as/dean/faculty/documents/epc/reports/GER_2_Proposed_Revisions.pdf