

Agenda
Faculty of Arts and Sciences
Tuesday, March 14, 2006, 3:30 p.m.
Millington 150

- I. Minutes of the last meeting on February 7, 2006.

<http://www.wm.edu/as/dean/faculty/documents/minutes/20060207.pdf>

- II. Nominations and Elections Committee

- A. Elections to the Retention, Promotion and Tenure Committee, Educational Policy Committee, the Academic Status Committee, and Procedural Review Committee
- B. Electronic Voting Elections Report, Steve Knudson

<http://www.wm.edu/as/dean/faculty/documents/nominationelection/20060314.pdf>

- III. Reports of Administrative Officers

- A. Provost Feiss
- B. Dean Strikwerda

- IV. Graduate Studies Committee Report, Laurie Sanderson

<http://www.wm.edu/as/dean/faculty/documents/gradstudies/Annual%20Report%20-%20January-December%202005.pdf>

- V. Arts and Sciences Space Planning Committee Report, Joel Schwartz

<http://www.wm.edu/as/dean/faculty/documents/other/FinalSpaceCommReportFeb1406.pdf>

The Faculty will be asked to endorse the four summary conclusions, each to be considered separately:

1. We recommend that the College institutionalize its commitment to excellence in teaching by assigning *the highest priority* to the creation of quality classrooms, teaching labs, and other learning spaces. It is important to both commit appropriate resources to this task and to clarify who is responsible for accomplishing it.
2. It is also important to create flexible spaces, some of which remain controlled by the Dean of the Faculty, which will serve the anticipated growth in faculty/faculty and faculty/student research collaborations.
3. The Committee describes two feasible space allocation plans. The central elements of our preferred plan are: Economics, Government, and Public Policy will move to a renovated Tyler Hall; Anthropology will move to Morton Hall; Classical Studies will

move to the first floor of Washington; and the second floor of Blow will house a coordinated set of interdisciplinary programs, including The Charles Center, American Studies, Women's Studies, Black Studies, and The Sharpe Program. The central elements of our alternative plan are: Anthropology will move to Tyler with Sociology; and Economics, Government, and Public Policy will stay in Morton. In other respects the two plans are the same.

4. The Committee has interpreted its mission to be restricted to a consideration of space needs that can be met by relocations made possible by the moves of Education and Business. Needs that can be met only by new from-the-ground building projects, for instance, especially where plans for these projects are already underway, will not be addressed in this report. The fact that we are bracketing these projects does not imply that the committee regards them as having a low priority. Indeed, the Committee believes that the sequential build-out of the Integrated Science Center and the construction of the Fine and Performing Arts building are among the highest priorities for Arts and Sciences.

VI. Faculty Assembly Report, Alan Fuchs

VII. Faculty Affairs Committee Report, Terry Meyers

VIII. New Business