

Agenda
Faculty of Arts and Sciences
Tuesday, October 7, 2008, 3:30 p.m.
Millington 150

I. Minutes of the last meeting, September 2, 2008

<http://web.wm.edu/as/dean/fas/minutes/20080902.pdf>

II. Report of Administrative Officers

Dean Strikwerda

III. Report from the Retention, Promotion and Tenure Committee (David Armstrong)

<http://web.wm.edu/as/committees/rpt/annualreports/20081007.pdf>

IV. Reports from Faculty Affairs Committee and the Faculty Assembly

V. First A&S Forum on Strategic Planning (Dean Strikwerda, Tom White, President of the Faculty Assembly)

This forum, the first of two to be scheduled within the next four weeks, will offer A&S faculty the opportunity to provide input to the Strategic Planning Steering Committee as it develops its recommendations for President Reveley, due on December 8. The goal of the two fora is to develop a list of 6-8 “grand challenges” (i.e., goals, priorities) for the strategic planning process and then to prioritize this list. The focus is intended to be on the macro level: the “big picture” or vision of the College as the faculty perceive it and wish it to be perceived by others. This list of grand challenges is intended to be part of an on-going process of planning for the College, not an end-product in and of itself. The faculty may wish to consider such issues as: the relative importance of teaching and research, the definition and role of internationalization, curriculum revision, and the significance of diversity and civic engagement. The faculty may wish to prioritize the goals currently articulated in the draft Vision Statement for the College as developed by the Planning to Plan Committee, reject or modify the goals implied by this document, or articulate new challenges or goals for the College in accordance with its own priorities. The intent of this forum is to hold an open discussion on these big questions and move toward developing a statement of faculty views to inform the strategic planning process.

Home page for strategic planning: <http://www.wm.edu/strategicplanning>

Link to Draft of Vision Statement:

<http://www.wm.edu/about/administration/strategicplanning/documents/DraftVision.pdf>