

AGENDA

Faculty of Arts & Sciences

November 5, 2013, 3:30 – 5:00 pm

Tidewater A, Sadler Center

- I. Report of Administrative Officers:
 - a. Provost Michael Halleran (10 minutes)
 - b. Dean Kate Conley (10 minutes)
- II. Report from Faculty Assembly (Suzanne Raitt) (5 minutes)
- III. Report from Faculty Affairs Committee (Barbette Spaeth) (5 minutes)
- IV. Report from Committee on Graduate Studies and Ombudsperson Report (Virginia Torczon) (15 minutes)
- V. Proposed Amendments to FAS By-Laws from FAC (Barbette Spaeth)

Note on amending the By-Laws: According to Article VIII, Sec. 1, the By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any meeting, provided that a copy of the proposed amendment shall have been sent to every member of the Faculty at least one week in advance. According to Article VIII, Sec. 2, any amendments to the By-Laws shall become effective upon approval by the President and the Board of Visitors.

1. FAC moves that Article III of the A&S Bylaws be amended to include the following new section (Sec. 7):

The Faculty of Arts and Sciences will conduct votes electronically for the purpose of electing committee members. After the written version of the proposed slate for committees has gone out in accordance with Article V, Sec. 1.2 below, at the subsequent meeting of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, the Committee on Nominations and Elections will present the slate for committee elections and take nominations from the floor. Within one day of that meeting, electronic balloting for committee slots will be open for a period of one week.

Note: The relevant part of Article V, Sec. 1.2 reads:

At least one week in advance of elections, the Committee on Nominations and Elections shall provide to the Faculty written nominations for vacant elective positions.

2. FAC moves that Article III, Sec. 4 of the A&S bylaws be amended as follows:

No ~~motion or~~ resolution affecting the educational policy of the College shall be voted on in a meeting unless it shall have been submitted in writing to the Dean of the Faculty and the Faculty Affairs Committee and the text thereof transmitted by the Dean Faculty Affairs Committee to all members of the Faculty at least one week prior to the date of the meeting. This provision may be waived by unanimous consent of those present.

3. FAC moves that Article V, Sec. 3.2 of the A&S bylaws be amended as follows

The Educational Policy Committee shall conduct a continuing study of the undergraduate educational program, regularly reviewing the educational policies and procedures of the Faculty. It shall review all recommendations and requests for changes in the undergraduate curriculum. In consultation with the Dean of the Faculty and the Faculty Affairs Committee, It it shall bring proposals involving changes in educational policy before the Faculty, together with its recommendations for action, but shall have authority to approve or disapprove any changes in the curriculum which do not alter existing policy.

VI. Proposed Amendment to FAS By-Laws from Suzanne Raitt and Greg Hancock

Motion to Amend Arts and Sciences By-Laws to Facilitate Broad Faculty Participation on Substantive Motions

In rare circumstances, the Faculty of Arts and Sciences may decide that a motion before the body is of such importance that every member of the faculty should be able to vote, including those Faculty unable to attend the meeting at which the motion is presented. On such occasions, the Faculty of Arts and Sciences may choose to allow an electronic vote on the motion. If a regular member of the Faculty at a meeting feels that an electronic vote on a motion before the body is preferable, the procedure is as follows. Once the question has been called on a motion at a regular or special meeting of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, a regular member in attendance may move to allow electronic voting on the motion before the body. The motion to allow electronic voting must be seconded and is debatable. To pass, the motion to allow electronic voting must receive a positive vote of two-thirds of the members present at the meeting. Within one day of passing a motion to vote electronically, electronic ballots will open and remain open for a period of one week. It is expected that electronic voting will take place only in rare instances and only on substantive issues, and that in-person voting at Arts and Sciences faculty meetings will remain the normal practice.

VII. Continued discussion of document on proposed new curriculum (Diane Shakes and John Gilmour). Documents all available on the Curriculum Review Blackboard site:

https://blackboard.wm.edu/webapps/portal/frameset.jsp?tab_group_id=2_1&url=%2Fwebapps%2Fblackboard%2Fexecute%2Flauncher%3Ftype%3DCourse%26id%3D_19341_1%26url%3D