

Minutes for the Faculty Affairs Committee Meeting, 2:00-3:00pm on April 23, 2024

Members present: Suzanne Raitt (Dean), Liz Barnes, Josh Burk, Sarah Day, JC Poutsma (Chair), Cristina Stancioiu, Peter Vishton (scribe)

- 1) The Committee approved the minutes from the April 16, 2024 FAC meeting.
- 2) Dean Raitt and the Committee discussed PATH registration progress and challenges.
- 3) The Committee discussed the timeline for decisions about building renovation requests.
- 4) The Committee discussed concerns with the unresponsiveness of Aramark catering services. Some departments have shifted to using other vendors.
- 5) In the past, students have been asked to pick one department graduation ceremony to attend. Now, due to the shift away from personalized diplomas, students can attend two or more department ceremonies. Messaging about commencement, however, has indicated that students should RSVP to only one ceremony, which has created a false belief among students that they should only attend one ceremony. The Committee discussed ways to improve this messaging, for instance, asking students to RSVP to all departments whose ceremony they plan to attend.
- 6) New faculty members have been appointed to various committees. FAC made plans to email the new members with thanks and congratulations.
- 7) The Committee then turned to planning for the May 7 Faculty of Arts & Sciences meeting.
- 8) We discussed whether in-person FAS attendance might be boosted by switching the meeting time to a different, perhaps earlier time of the day. We will assess the number of teaching commitments scheduled for various hours and reconsider this in a future meeting.
- 9) Dean Raitt updated the committee on:
 - a. Elizabeth Barnes is rotating off the Teaching Faculty Committee and will need to be replaced for two years with a full-time TTE faculty member. David Armstrong will similarly need to be replaced on the Teaching Faculty Committee during a one year SSRL.
 - b. Committee memberships in general will need to be addressed as many faculty depart to join the still unnamed "new" school. Academic areas and, in some cases committee area representations, are specified in the By Laws.
- 10) The Committee made plans to meet monthly over the summer.

Respectfully submitted,
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