College of Arts and Sciences Policy Committee Minutes
April 20, 2015
Approved Draft

Present: Ed Hirt (chair), Jim Davis, Stuart Davis, Julia Fox, John Hanson, Eileen Julien, Julie Van Voorhis, Nick Williams

The meeting was called to order at 4:00. The minutes of April 13 were discussed and approved.

The results of the CPC elections were announced: Peter Guardino (History) will fill the S&H seat; Vivian Halloran (English) will represent the faculty at-large; and Scott Michaels (Biology) will represent N&M.

The committee reviewed and approved the memoranda of understanding for nine tenure-track faculty and one tenured faculty member moving into The Media School.

Nick Williams provided a summary of the April Chairs and Directors meeting. Of particular interest was a new policy concerning graduate fee remissions, which no longer will be given to students in schools outside the College who teach in the College, unless the College has a reciprocal agreement with the school in question. Also of interest was the announcement that the “White Paper” for the 21st century liberal arts curriculum will be released in a few weeks.

The remainder of the meeting was dedicated to discussing the revised BFC CREM (Creation, Reorganization, Elimination and Mergers) policy. While the revised policy spoke to many of the concerns held by the CPC, the committee feels that it requires too much organizational detail at the outset (for example, plans for office space).

Executive Dean Singell issued a correction to the minutes from the March 30 meeting, in which the paragraph summarizing the budget timeline was incorrect. According to the Dean, the deadline for one-time cash requests has passed, and requests for faculty hiring for 2016-17 will be solicited in June or July. Budget construction takes place in May, and the summary is sent to the Provost at that time. The budget will be finalized in July, at which point the College is informed of its allocation.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25.

Julie Van Voorhis, recorder