

Dean's Council Minutes Approved
Oct. 7, 2020

Chair: Ryan Hinrichs

In attendance: Sandra Jamieson, Jason Jordan, Caitlin Killian, Roger Knowles, Marie-Pascale Pieretti

Guests: Maria Masucci

1. Minutes from 9-23-2020 and 9-30-2020 were approved without revision
2. Dean's Council discussed feedback from Faculty Forums (here), especially the issue of the Spring calendar and one or two day breaks. Also Eid will fall around May 10-12, which needs to be addressed.
3. Feedback from Faculty Forums on the A&S Faculty Handbook

Section VI Shared Governance - *for vote on 10/9/2020*. Faculty asked for links to by-laws and the FPP. Friendly amendments clarifying several sections were added to the document for discussion and (hopefully) vote at the A&S faculty meeting on Friday.

Section VII - Departments *for discussion on 10/9/2020*.

Dean's Council was concerned about contradictions between this document and the FPP as far as departments and programs. Section 2A needs to be revised to reflect the difference between Departments and Programs, and DC should draft language that could be included in a revised FPP. That language should be approved before the faculty votes on the handbook. Amongst issues are (i) the need to delineate faculty (core and affiliated) in programs, (ii) the need for a section on elimination of departments and programs (to follow creation).

4. Feedback from Faculty Forums on "Responsibilities of Chairs,"
Forums had differing opinions about the amount of detail it is appropriate to include and whether the document should be part of the overall *A&S Faculty Handbook* (and thereby approved by the faculty) or a separate document controlled by the Dean's Office and revised as and when seems appropriate with input from current chairs.
5. Faculty Meeting Agenda discussion
Ryan will map out time limits for each item up for discussion and discuss the possibility of a moving to a consent agenda - part of the agenda that is assumed approved without vote unless someone asks for discussion. The minutes would be part of the consent agenda, so would committee reports presented FYI. The faculty votes once to approve the consent agenda, which comes to the floor moved and seconded by the agenda committee (which in the absence of would be DC)