

Report from the University Faculty Affairs Committee  
University of Mary Washington  
September 9, 2013

Present:

Eric Gable (Professor, CAS)  
Patricia Orozco (Lecturer, CAS)  
Melina Patterson (Associate, CAS)  
Jo Tyler (Professor, COE)

Also in attendance:

Jonathan Levin (Provost)

The meeting came to order at 12:00 Noon in Monroe Hall 319.

The session opened with introductions with Provost Levin.

**Summer school.** There is lack of communication about the summer program changes, specifically about teaching compensation revisions to policy. It is believed that information is provided to chairs, but in some instances, they are not communicating these revisions to faculty. Provost was given an example from BoardDocs for further review.

**Faculty Governance.** There is a great deal of discussion among faculty that a revision of committee duties at the university vs. college level is needed to avoid overlap. Eric explained how the absence of a well-developed strategic plan will have an impact on the persistence of the liberal arts at our university.

**Strategic Resource Allocation Task Force.** The expectation is that we will have recommendations to follow up after the resource allocation study is finished, but there is a feeling that there is not a plan on how to proceed with such recommendations. This will affect even more the morale of our faculty after spending countless hours on the scrutiny of every program a department offers. Does this mean that the university has 'cuttable' programs?

**Institutional Research.** Data collection must be improved. An area of opportunity that can potentially benefit current students will be to find out what our graduates are doing.

**Arts Semester.** UMW must take advantage of its location by creating a part time residency program either in DC or Richmond giving both faculty and students on-site research opportunities.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 7, 2013.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00.

Submitted by: Patricia Orozco Watrel