

Respected A&S Faculty Colleagues,

On Thursday, March 29 (i.e. this coming Thursday), we will gather for our regularly scheduled meeting of the A&S faculty at 12:30 PM in the Galloway Room. There are two main items of business on the agenda at the present time:

1) Elections of faculty officers and of at-large representatives to standing committees.

There have been a number of nominations and volunteers for committee positions, but there is still need for good people to step up and indicate a willingness to serve. We are especially in need of nominees/volunteers for the Academic Affairs Committee and the Student Life Committee. These two are both central to the mission of the College, and are bases from which campaigns for serious reform, change and improvement might be launched. With two new Deans on board next year, there is unusual opportunity to affect the future shape of curriculum, residential life, and the overall academic and social experience of the students. I hope that you will consider being a part of the process.

We are also in need of candidate(s) for the positions of President and Vice-President/Secretary of the Faculty. These are positions of some responsibility, and they take some time, but they are interesting and educational, and provide an opportunity to participate in the discussion of the College's agenda and direction. The incoming Dean of the Faculty will presumably to some extent look to faculty officers for conversation and counsel as well.

Please give serious thought to the role that you could play and the contribution that you could make by being a member of one of the above committees (AAC or Student Life) or by serving as President or Vice-President of the faculty. Please let me know if you would be willing to serve or if I can answer any questions about these positions. Ballots, with space for additional nominees from the floor, will be distributed prior to Thursday's meeting.

2) An addition to the All-College by-laws establishing an Institutional Review Board for research or experimentation involving human subjects.

The proposed by-law addition is attached below, as is a more detailed set of bullets explaining the membership of the proposed Board, along with its procedures and guiding principles. John Houston, who has been chairing the provisional committee that was established last year, will present and explain the proposal.

If there are important announcements or additional items of business to bring to the faculty, please let me know. And please peruse the attached minutes of our last meeting with an eye out for additions or corrections.

Many thanks. Looking forward to seeing you on Thursday at 12:30.

