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McCausland College
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McCausland College Faculty Advisory

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 24, 2025
Petigru 321

Attendees:
Committee Members: Jennifer Augustine, Jean Ellis, Leslie Lovelace, Kelan "Lilly" Lu, Nina Moreno, Michael Stoeltzner, Adela Vraciu, Carrie Wessinger, Tanya Wideman-Davis
Ex Officio and Guests: Tommy Hodges, Nina Levine

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by FAC Chair Michael Stoeltzner.

Chair's Report:
Attendees introduced themselves. Discussion of the defining FAC role within the College and on collaboration between the new Dean and FAC.

Dean's Report:
Identified potential opportunities for collaboration with FAC as: 1. AI and teaching; 2. Explorance Blue; 3. Blueprint.

Questions:
What are the details of the McCausland gift agreement?
What is the future of the innovation grants?
Is it possible to establish an AI resource hub in the College?
What is the College's position on the general academic pushback against departments similar to WGST and AFAM?
Why has the Professional Track faculty criteria approval process stagnated?

Secretary to the Faculty Report:

Identification of the role of the Secretary to the Faculty according to the College's Bylaws, and identification of the system used to track changes to the Bylaws.

New Business:
None

Good of the Order:
McCausland Faculty Committees and Bylaws website here.
Next FAC meeting, November 4, 2-3 PM, Petigru 321.

Adjournment at 11:03 AM by FAC Chair Michael Stoeltzner.