

**Faculty Affairs Committee
Meeting Minutes**

12:00pm Wednesday, September 5, 2018

Founders Hall Chapel

Attendees: Amanda Branscome, Sean Busick , William Davis, James Gadberry, Susan Owen, Elizabeth Pruett, Kim Roberts, Teresa Wanbaugh, Bill Wilkes, Marla Williams, Jennifer Wolfe

Absent: Lionel Wright

Dr. Gadberry opened the meeting and welcomed new committee members Dr. Elizabeth Pruitt and Dr. Marla Williams, both from the College of Education.

The floor was opened for nominations for committee chair. Dr. Gadberry was nominated and elected as the committee chair. The floor was opened for committee recorder. Dr. Roberts was nominated and elected as recorder.

Old Business:

Minutes from the 4-4-18 meeting were approved.

New Business:

Dr. Gadberry discussed with Dr. Ingle the possibility of an ombudsman for the University. Many institutions have an Ombuds Office to provide a confidential, neutral source for staff and faculty to express concerns, identify options to address workplace conflicts, facilitate productive communication, and more. If that is something we wish to pursue, Dr. Ingle would suggest this to the future president.

The committee has several policies to review pertaining to faculty affairs. These will be distributed by Dr. Gadberry for review at the next meeting.

Next meeting:

Wed. Sept. 12th at 12:00

The meeting adjourned.