

Eastern Michigan University
College of Arts & Sciences
College Advisory Council

Minutes

November 18, 2021 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
Virtual meeting via Zoom

Attending: Grigoris Argeros (SAC), Leslie Atzmon (SAD), Peter Blackmer (AAAS), Joseph Breza (Psych), James Egge (AD), Marisol Garrido-Gutierrez (WL), Christopher Gellasch (G&G), Katherine Greenwald (ENVI and Bio), Jason Gibson (M&S), Dana Heller (Dean), Beth Henschen (PSci), Debra Ingram (DH—Science), Brandon Johnson (M&D), Melissa Jones (WGST), Jeanette Kindred (CMTA), John McCurdy (H&P), Julian Murchinson (DH—Arts), Biswajit Panja (COSC), Jonathan Skuza (P&A), Amanda Stype (Econ), Annette Wannamaker (Eng), Gregg Wilmes (Chem)

- I. Call to Order—Kindred called the meeting to order at 3:31pm.
- II. Approval of Minutes (October 21, 2021)—Gellasch moved and Henschen seconded to approve. Passed unanimously.
- III. Sub Committee Recommendations
 - Arts Report (November 4, 2021)—Jones presented the Arts Subcommittee report. McCurdy moved and Henschen seconded to separate out AFC/PHIL 246 from the report. The motion passed unanimously with one abstention. McCurdy then moved and Henschen seconded to amend AFC/PHIL 246 so that it will count toward the African Studies Minor. The motion passed unanimously with one abstention. Henschen then moved and McCurdy seconded to approve the Arts Subcommittee report. The motion passed unanimously with one abstention.
 - Sciences Report (November 4, 2021)—Wilmes presented the Sciences Subcommittee report. Gellasch moved and Wilmes seconded to approve the report. The motion passed unanimously with one abstention.
- IV. URSLC Election
 - FRF/Sabbatical 1-year term, Sciences (to replace Thomas Mast)—There were no nominations for this committee.
- V. Discussion and Action Item: College Reorganization Task Force Plan—Kindred presented on the CAC’s Call for Faculty Participation. There was a request the ask if applicants were willing to meet in person and a discussion ensued about this. There was a concern that there would not be enough Science representation if the two interdisciplinary members were both from the Arts. The timeline was discussed. A question was asked about how CAC participants would be chosen; Kindred responded that the CAC Personnel Subcommittee would make recommendations for the full CAC to consider.

There was a concern that the root causes of the causes of declining enrollments were not being addressed in the Dean’s charge. A discussion ensued.

- VI. Dean's Remarks—Heller discussed her recent experience at CCAS and the information she gained about reorganization of other colleges. She found other colleges' experiences to be informative and inspiring.
- VII. Chair's Remarks—Kindred reported that the CAC Budget Subcommittee had met twice and that it will report on budgetary issues at the next CAC meeting.
- VIII. Faculty Remarks—There was a question about when the Call for Faculty Participation would be disseminated and Kindred responded that she would send out the edited version today.
- There was a question about when the next call for faculty searches would be and Heller thought it would be in December.
- IX. Adjourn—Kindred adjourned the meeting at 4:11pm.

Respectfully submitted,
John G. McCurdy