

Eastern Michigan University  
College of Arts & Sciences  
College Advisory Council

Minutes

September 1, 2022 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

In attendance: Grigoris Argeros (SAC), Peter Blackmer (AAAS), Joe Breza (Psy), Phil Cardon (SAD), James Egge (Dean's Office), Chris Gellasch (G&G), Marisol Garrido (WL), Jason Gibson (M&S), Dana Heller (Dean), Heather Holmes (Chem), Debra Ingram (Dept Head M&S), Brandon Johnson (M&D), Melissa Jones (WGST), Ellen Koch (Dean's Office), Marianne Laporte (Bio), John McCurdy (H&P), Biswajit Panja (CS), Jonathan Skuza (P&A), Amanda Stype (Econ), Annette Wannamaker (Engl), Jamie Ward (CMTA), Katy Greenwald (ENVI)

- I. Meeting was called to order by Melissa Jones at 3:32 pm
- II. Minutes from April 21, 2022 were approved with some corrections: Katherine Greenwald's department changed to ENVI, Chris Gellasch to G&G, and John McCurdy added to roll. (16-0-1)
- III. CAC elections
  - a. Chair: Melissa Jones elected (17-0-0)
  - b. Vice Chair: Amanda Stype elected (17-0-0)
  - c. Secretary: John McCurdy elected (17-0-0)
  - d. Budget Committee: Chris Gellasch and Grigoris Argeros elected (17-0-0)
  - e. Personnel Committee: Amanda Stype and Marianne Laporte elected (17-0-0)
- IV. URSLC Elections
  - a. SRA, two-year term (2021 – 2023): Heather Holmes elected (17-0-0)
  - b. FRF, two-year term (2021 – 2023): Not filled
- V. Grad Council Elections: two-year term (2022 – 24), one *arts*, one *social sciences*
- VI. CAC Grade Grievance Committee  
Arts: Jamie Ward elected (17-0-0) and Melissa Jones elected as alternate (17-0-0)  
Sciences: Heather Holmes elected (17-0-0)
- VII. Discussion Items:
  - a. We voted to hold future CAC meetings in a HyFlex room so that members can choose to participate either virtually or in-person.
  - b. We discussed modalities for winter 2023 classes as there seems to be some confusion about the percentage of courses must be offered in-person or online. Dean Heller informed us that there is no exact percentage and that decisions should be made based on student, faculty, and program needs.
  - c. Peter Blackmer and Chris Gellasch reported on the CAC reorganization report. Both highlighted the importance of encouraging faculty and staff to read the report as they work to create a process for soliciting input. We discussed ways both Department Heads

and CAC reps can raise awareness of the report within departments. CAC Personnel Subcommittee will meet to outline CAC plan for raising awareness and gathering input.

VIII. Dean's Remarks

a. Associate Dean Koch

In the coming weeks, the CAC budget committee will need to consider budget targets, GA allocations, and criteria for released time.

b. Associate Dean Egge

Asked that we discuss a scholarship advisory committee at next meeting

c. Dean Heller

Announced faculty hires in the college. Noted that M&D and G&G were passed over, and should be considered in the next round of hires.

Announced a return to pre-Covid travel funding procedures. The funds available for travel have increased from \$30,000 to \$50,000 and untenured junior faculty will receive double funding for domestic travel.

Announced that the Game Above professional development funds are available for one more year.

IX. Meeting Adjourned at 5:02 pm