

Eastern Michigan University
College of Arts and Sciences, College Advisory Council

Minutes: 2 November, 2023

STRONG 103

Attendance: Melissa Jones (WGST, Chair), Joe Breza (PSY), Marisol Garrido-Gutierrez (WL), Jason Gibson (MATH/STAT), Katy Greenwald (ENVI), Heather Holmes (CHEM, Secretary), Debbie Ingram (MATH/STAT Dept. Head Rep.), Caralee Jones-Oberg (AAAS), Kevin Karpiak (SAC), Marianne Laporte (BIO), Laura McMahon (HIST/PHIL), Deron Overpeck (CMTA), Biswajit Panja (CS), Eric Portenga (G&G), Jonathan Skuza (PHY/ASTR), Nick Smith (MUS/DAN), Tucker Staley (PLSC), Amanda Stype (ECON), Tom Suchan (ART), Annette Wannamaker (ENGL), Ernie Behringer (PHY/AST, Guest)

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Amended Agenda
 - a. 14-0-0
3. Approval of Minutes – October 12, 2023
 - a. 13-1-0
4. Elections
 - a. n/a
5. Guest: Ernie Behringer, DH Physics & Astronomy
 - a. He has been in touch with the Michigan Department of Education, who gave him the names of several schools in MI who have had their programs approved for Sciences Secondary Teaching. He then contacted those universities for information. Here is a summary of what he has found for the public universities:
 - i. The program at Grand Valley State University requires at least 5.5 years, with 84 credits in the sciences and 39 in education. It's a dual band program (covers both 5 - 9 and 7 - 12) for undergraduates.
 - ii. The program at Saginaw Valley requires 4.5 years, with 61 credits in the sciences and 45 in education.
 - iii. We don't yet have detailed information from Central Michigan University, but they have committed to sending that to us.
6. Standing Subcommittee Reports
 - a. Arts (26 October): Chair, Melissa Jones

- i. 16-0-0 for approval of Arts Report
 - b. Sciences (26 October): Chair, Heather Holmes
 - i. 16-0-0 for approval of Sciences Report
- 7. Elected Subcommittee Reports
 - a. Personnel (no new business)
 - i. Personnel would like to send forms and metrics out to DHs this term and collect information that they require. When the Dean sends out forms in February, DHs should be able to copy and paste into the Dean's forms, making it easy on them. This way the committee will have the information that they need in a timely manner.
 - b. Budget Subcommittee (no new business)
 - i. Budget will be working on Program Coordinators (a.k.a. Section Chairs and other titles). Ellen will have data early next week.
- 8. Closed Session (all administrators asked to leave)
 - a. Discussion about the proposal for Teaching and Learning with Secondary Certification
 - i. We appreciate that the COE is open to working with us to problem solve so that the program will work with all majors.
 - ii. Looking at direct comparisons from approved programs at peer institutions, the ratio of Science to Education credits is weighted more heavily on the sciences, which makes sense for a program that has a lot of different disciplines in the content area.
 - iii. We believe that the program as presented would serve our students well in terms of content, but are concerned about the overall number of credit hours.
 - 1. Do they have a curriculum map that details the learning objectives that are being addressed in each class in the program? If not, we suggest that as a way to identify classes that can be reformatted or combined with others in order to have a more efficient program.
 - 2. What are some other things that could be done to streamline the number of credit hours?

- iv. If the program moves forward as written, we would need to ensure a regular rotation of both education and content area classes in Fall, Winter, and Summer so that the students would be able to graduate in as close to four years as possible.
- v. We would like to hear the response of the COE to our discussion.
- vi. A motion was made to request another 30-day extension to give the COE time to review our comments and suggestions, and to respond. Motion carried 17-0-0

b. Formulate Response to Reorg Report (August 2023).

- i. The CAC has a number of questions that we would like to have answered.
 - 1. What specific things does the Dean see in the current organization that are problematic or that need to change?
 - 2. What are the specific objectives of a reorganization?
 - 3. What specific benefits does the Dean see to a reorganization?
 - 4. How does the Dean envision reorganization complying with all of the current labor contracts?

9. Dean's Remarks (none)

10. Faculty Remarks

11. Chair Remarks

12. Adjournment