

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

Minutes: 25 January, 2024

Pray-Harrold 219
3:30-5:00

Attendance: Melissa Jones (WGST, Chair), Grigoris Argeros (SAC/SOC), Joe Breza (PSY), Jim Egge (Dean), Jason Gibson (MATH/STAT), Katy Greenwald (ENVI), Heather Holmes (CHEM, Secretary), Debbie Ingram (MATH/STAT Dept. Head Rep.), Caralee Jones-Obenc AAAS), Andre Kashliev (Comp. Sci.), Marianne Laporte (BIO), Laura McMahon (HIST/PHIL), Deron Overpeck (CMTA), Eric Portenga (G&G), Heather Shouldice (Music & Dance), Daniel Seely (Ling/Eng), Jonathan Skuza (PHY/ASTR), Amanda Stype (ECON), Tom Suchan (ART)

1. Call to Order at 3:32 pm

2. Approval of Minutes – 11 January, 2024

Moved to approve by Holmes and seconded by LaPorte, with an amendment to include “If people represent a whole discipline rather than a department, they would need to communicate with others in the discipline across the campus.”
passed 11-0-4

3. Elections

a. Update on question of Categories and Representation

- i. It does seem as though the categories are part of the Graduate Council Terms of Office The division into categories is part of the Grad Council operating procedures, but it doesn't specify categories based on departments. They would need to approve changes. We're really just proposing that we nominate people for the category that they put themselves into.
- ii. A simple solution would be to have a definition for each category and facilitate a way for faculty to identify with one.
- iii. Maybe we should just let the CAC vote on the nominations for whether someone is acceptable for a particular category, which is the procedure as it stands. Are we solving a problem that isn't actually a problem?

- iv. The biggest problem is that we can't get anyone in Natural Sciences to join Graduate Council. Should *anyone*, regardless of discipline, be able to fill that seat? The CAC has the authority to make that decision.
 - v. It was suggested that if we were to develop clear guidelines for the categories, we may not run into the problem of not having candidates for Natural Sciences, or other categories.
 - vi. There are people who would like to participate, but don't feel comfortable sitting in a seat for Natural Science.
 - vii. Maybe we should tell people that Graduate Council is maximum 8 hours per term, so it isn't an onerous commitment.
 - b. Call for Nominations for Grad Council
 - i. Social Sciences (open Winter 2024)
nomination may be forthcoming
 - ii. Natural Sciences (open Fall 2023/Winter 2024)
no nominations
- 4. Standing Subcommittee Reports
 - a. Arts (18 January, 2024): Chair, Melissa Jones
Motion and second to approve by Laporte and Stype, passed 14-0-1
 - b. Sciences (18 January, 2024): Chair, Heather Holmes
Motion and second to approve by Overpeck and Laporte passed 15-0-0
- 5. Elected Subcommittee Reports
 - a. Personnel (update)
A call for new hires has been sent out. DHs should have that now. The deadline for Deans to the Provost is March 31. The deadline for the Dean will be earlier, maybe March 4.
 - b. Budget Subcommittee (update)
Working on rubric for program coordinator or chair release time; they'll combine with graduate coordinator and hopefully will bring both back to CAC by the end of this term.
- 6. Dean's Remarks
Last week's events went well – thanks for the support!

7. Faculty Remarks

none

8. Chair Remarks

none

9. Adjournment 4:12 pm