

Eastern Michigan University
College of Arts & Sciences
College Advisory Council

Minutes

April 18, 2019 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
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Present: Toni Pressley-Sanon (AAAS), Atzmon (Art), Graves (BIO), Snyder (CHEM), Kindred (CMTA), Evett (COSC), Stype (Econ), Acton (Eng), Clark (G&G), McCurdy (H&P), Greenwald (IESS), Dumitrascu (Math), Cass (M&D), Sheerin (P&A), Henschen (PLSC), Dove (PSY), Ensor (SAC), Higgins (WGST), Garrido (WL), Murchison (Arts DH), Heller (Dean), Baker (AD)

I. Call to Order – Meeting was called to order by Chair Kindred at 3:30pm.

II. Approval of Minutes (March 21, 2019) – There was a motion to approve the minutes of March 21, 2019, which passed by a vote of 11-0-2.

III. Sub Committee Recommendations

- Arts Report (April 11, 2019) – Howard Cass gave the Arts report. Several proposals were approved, but several were tabled for various reasons as reflected in their report. There was then a motion to separate HIST 206 from the Arts report because some felt it needed further discussion, and that motion passed by a vote of 10-3-3. There was then a motion to separate JPNE 344L5, 444L5, and 494L5 for further discussion, and that motion passed by a vote of 14-0-2. There was then a motion to separate CTAR 463 so it could be reconsidered, and that passed by a vote of 15-0-1. There was then a motion to separate NURS 407 and LTEC 610 for further action, and this motion passed by a vote of 13-0-1. There was then a motion to approve what remained of the Arts report and that motion passed by a vote of 14-0-1.

HIST 206 was then discussed. Sociology's curriculum committee sees substantial overlap in topics and approach between this course and one of the Sociology courses. As such, the course was tabled. Peter Higgins responded to this concern by saying that he does not feel as though a department teaching a course outside of its discipline has a standing to object to a course proposed in a discipline by that actual discipline. John McCurdy also noted 1) that this course was referred to the Sociology's curriculum committee and it was outright rejected and 2) these are different level courses (one is a gen ed course and one is an upper level course). The SAC representative, Brad Ensor, stated that SAC would like a conversation regarding this course before it moves forward. As such, a motion was made to table this course until this conversation can take place. Some further conversation ensued regarding whether there was an actual overlap in these courses and when it will be taught next. The motion passed by vote of 5-4-7.

CTAR 463 was then discussed. Music and Dance has now logged their approval of this course, so there was a motion to approve the course and this motion passed by a vote of 15-0-1.

NURS 407 was then discussed. For a long time, Arts reps have been trying to schedule a discussion with reps of NURS 407 regarding the overlap with this course and a course in CMTA. The meetings have been canceled often, so no discussion has ensued. As such, there was a motion to reject NURS 407, and this motion passed by a vote of 11-0-5.

LTEC 610 was then discussed. The deadline for feedback on this course has been extended until Fall 2019. Arts had a number of concerns about this course including the lack of a faculty vote, lack of a cost analysis document, incomplete syllabus development and unclear course

methodology. These concerns need to be addressed; the way the proposal is written now it is difficult to ascertain possible overlap with other courses in other departments. As such, there was a motion to table this proposal pending visitors from LTEC coming to each of the subcommittee meetings in the fall, and this passed by a vote of 16-0-0.

The three Japanese courses were then discussed. In this case, the proposed changes to these courses are changes to the course descriptions only. Peter Higgins noted that the other colleges' councils will still have a chance to give input when it goes to their colleges. As such, there was a motion to approve these three courses, and this motion passed by a vote of 14-0-2.

- Sciences Report (April 11, 2019) – Natalie Dove gave the Sciences report which included mostly approved proposals, but some Information Assurance proposals remained on the table due to a lack of conversation between the initiators and the Computer Science department. Once the report was given, there was then a motion to separate the LTEC 610, the Information Assurance and Cyber Defense BS, and the Information Assurance Security Architecture Minor because of a lack of consensus on how to proceed on these proposals. This motion passed by a vote of 15-0-1, and the remaining Sciences report was accepted by a vote of 15-0-1.

There was then a motion to table LTEC 610 due to all of the concerns noted by the Arts and Sciences subcommittees. Please see discussion of this course above. This motion passed by a vote of 16-0-0.

There was then some discussion about how to proceed with the Information Assurance and Cyber Defense BS and Information Assurance Security Architecture Minors. There was a motion made to reject these proposals unless we are granted an extension, at which point we will rescind our rejection and entertain further discussion, and that motion passed by a vote of 16-0-0.

V. Discussion and Action Items

- URSLC elections (SRA committee, one each from Arts and Sciences; FRF and Sabbatical committee, one each from Arts and Sciences)
 - The nominees for each committee were as follows:
 - FRF Nominees – Arts: Jon Carter (CMTA), Dustin London (SAD) - Jon Carter won by a vote of 10-6
 - Sciences: Nancy Bryk (G&G) – Approved by acclimation
 - SRA Nominees – Arts: Xianghong Feng (SAC) – Approved by acclimation
 - Science: Eric Paradis (P&A) – Elected by acclimation
 - Grad Council elections (one each from Fine Arts and Natural Sciences):
 - Fine Arts: Deron Overpeck – Elected by acclimation
 - Natural Sciences: Tamara Loverich (PSY) and Erik Paradis (P&A) – Tamara Loverich was elected by a vote of 9-8
- CAC Chair for 2019-20 election – Jenny Kindred was elected by acclimation.
- CAC Input Procedures – Proposal to Amend CAC Bylaws – Jenny Kindred revisited the amendments to the CAC bylaws that were brought to the council previously. There was a motion to consider this amendment so that it could become an agenda item during our September 2019 meeting and this motion passed by a vote of 15-0-0. Chair Kindred will send out the full document for consideration by our colleagues before the first full meeting in September.

VII. Dean's remarks – Dean Heller gave us an update on the faculty allocation requests for next year. She is assuming that CAS will not receive more than 4 or 5 positions for fall. She has not heard

anything yet from the Provost officially, however. The fifth position in our rankings was for an associate band director; the provost gave the ok to go ahead and search for that individual now. That gives the Dean some cautious hope that we will get the four positions ahead of that one as well, but she is cautious in stating this. Dean Heller also thanked us for all of our work and for allowing her to be a part of this council. Associate Dean Baker also thanked us for work on the subcommittees as well.

VIII. Chair's remarks – Chair Kindred also thanked us for supporting her in her first year as chair. She also thanked the subcommittee chairs and secretaries as well. She passed out service letters to each member.

VIII. Faculty remarks – Eric Acton brought up a concern regarding the buzz surrounding reorganization of departments, schools and so on. He believes that we should be discussing this in CAC so that feedback could be given more formally. Dean Heller tried to allay the concerns of the council members regarding the process for all of this. She stated that she has not heard anything definitive regarding the reorganization of either CAS or the university, but she would like for us to possibly meet over the summer in order to get in front of some of these concerns that are likely to befall us due to our budget woes. Chair Kindred will let members know if a summer meeting will be called.

IV. Adjourn – the meeting was adjourned by Chair Kindred at 4:59pm

Meeting minutes are respectfully submitted by Natalie Dove, secretary for the CAC, 2019-2020