

Eastern Michigan University
College of Arts & Sciences
College Advisory Council

Minutes

February 18, 2021
Virtual meeting via Zoom

Present: Clark (G&G), Stype (Econ), Henschen (PSci), Wilmes (Chem), Jones (WGST), Sheerin (P&A), Kindred (Chair, CMTA), Graves (Bio), Argeros (SAC), Panja (COSC), Britton (Math/Stat), Wannamaker (ENG), Ingram (Sci DH), Murchison (Arts DH), Baker (AD), Blacker (AAAS), Molloy (Art/Design), Higgins (H&P), Johnson (M&D), Heller (Dean), Greenwald (ENVI), Garrido-Gutierrez (WL), Pernecky (AD)

- I. Call to Order – Meeting was called to order by Chair Kindred at 3:31pm
- II. Approval of Minutes (January 28, 2021) – Motion to approve the minutes of this meeting passed by a vote of 16-0-0
- III. Sub Committee Recommendations

- Arts Report (February 11, 2021) – Ryan Molloy provided the Arts report. The Black Masculinities course, ANTH 435, and SWRK 230 were either placed or remained on the table within Arts. All children’s literature courses, PRCT and DANC courses were approved as were the Interior Design and Sociology BS program revisions.

Upon completion of this report, Grigoris Argeros discussed SAC’s concerns with SWRK 230, which mostly overlapped with the concerns that the Sciences subcommittee had. It was determined that if the council accepted the Sciences report, the SWRK 230 course would be rejected by the full CAC.

A motion to accept the Arts report then passed by a vote of 16-0-0.

- Sciences Report (February 11, 2021) – Natalie Dove gave the Sciences report, which included some proposals which were tabled or remained tabled, including EECE 369, CHEM 315, IDES 229, ANTH 435, and the Pre-Engineering program. The Human Nutrition MS, BIO 448 and BIOT 100 were approved and SWRK 230 was rejected.

Upon completion of this report, Christine Clark gave an update on communication between HP and Anthropology. HP originally felt the title of ANTH 435 was inappropriate due to the inclusion of the word Museums in the title, but it was determined that there was not sufficient course content overlap with any of the HP courses. The originator of the ANTH course has agreed to change the title of the course to American Ethnicity Dilemmas. Motion to now approve this course passed by a vote of 16-0-0.

A motion to accept the Sciences report was then passed by a vote of 16-0-0.

- IV. Discussion and action items from CAC Personnel Committee –

- 2021 Faculty Position Request Rankings: Personnel Committee Recommendations – There were 26 faculty position requests from 17 schools and departments this cycle. The council was shown a document about the process that the personnel committee undertook to rank the faculty proposals. The personnel committee felt it important that positions from both Arts and Sciences were to be included in the top ranked proposals. Scoring of each request occurred across various metrics. After doing this, 13 proposals that met the original criteria were more carefully investigated and ranked. The first six were ranked as high priority and positions 7-13 were ranked as “maybe” – a second tier. The rest of the proposals were unranked. There was a comment about how it might be helpful to have all of the proposals ranked so an originator can determine how close they were to ranking and/or can make decisions about submitting the same position moving forward and a discussion about this ensued. Dean Heller then said we may be asked to reevaluate this ranking as things change over the summer. Motion to approve the rankings as input to the Dean was approved by a vote of 16-0-0.
- GA Allocation Update – Chair Kindred announced that CAS was given 1.25 FTE back from the graduate school for graduate assistantship allocations and these positions are going to be going back to psychology. Motion to approve this input passed by a unanimous vote of 16-0-0.

V. Discussion Item – Budget Committee Update; request procedures for additional summer courses

The form was again shown that will allow individuals to request additional summer courses. Council members gave feedback on the form and some of the questions included on the form, and members of the budget committee answered questions about the meaning of some of the questions on it and the thought processes behind its creation. To clarify, this process will be used if there are additional funds available above and beyond the courses that are traditionally offered in the summer. A lively discussion ensued that included much feedback to the budget committee. There was also clarification regarding who can propose classes and who will decide which requests are approved once all forms are collected.

VI. Dean’s Remarks – Dean Pernecky noted that discretionary budgets will continue to be discussed in terms of moving forward and being proactive in determining how cuts will be absorbed.

VII. Chair’s Remarks – None.

VIII. Faculty Remarks – None.

IX. Adjourn – Meeting was adjourned at 4:28pm by Chair Kindred

Meeting minutes were submitted by 2020-2021 CAC Secretary, Natalie Dove

