

Eastern Michigan University
College of Arts & Sciences
College Advisory Council

Minutes

January 27, 2022 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
Virtual meeting via Zoom

Attending: Grigoris Argeros (SAC), Peter Blackmer (AAAS), Joseph Breza (Psych), Marisol Garrido-Gutierrez (WL), Christopher Gellasch (G&G), Katherine Greenwald (ENVI), Jason Gibson (M&S), Dana Heller (Dean), Melissa Jones (WGST), Jeanette Kindred (CMTA), Ellen Koch (AD), Marianne Laporte (Bio), Mary-Elizabeth Murphy (H&P), Julian Murchinson (DH—Arts), Jonathan Skuza (P&A), Amanda Stype (Econ), Annette Wannamaker (Eng), Gregg Wilmes (Chem),

- I. Call to Order—Kindred called the meeting to order at 3:32 pm.
- II. Approval of Minutes (December 9, 2021)—The motion to approve passed without objection. (12-0-1)
- III. Election of CAC secretary for W2022 semester – Annette Wannamaker was elected by acclimation
- IV. Sub Committee Recommendations
 - Arts Report (January 20, 2022)—Jones presented the Arts Subcommittee report. The motion to approve the Arts report passed without objection (13-0-0)
 - Sciences Report (January 20, 2022)—Wilmes presented the Sciences Subcommittee report. Several PSY course revision proposals were accidentally left off the Sciences sub-committee agenda. The revisions were to remove a co-req for 13 graduate courses in Psychology: PSY 619, 623, 625, 627, 628, 630, 671, 672, 683, 720, 721, 751, and 752. The members of the Sciences Subcommittee approved these courses as a package, in a separate motion (5-0-0). Motion to accept the Sciences report and the approved PSY courses passed without objection (13-0-0)
- V. Discussion Items: Game Above CAS PDA Awards and Dean's Office Faculty Travel Requests—review schedule of deadlines.
 - Heller reminded council about the PDA awards (deadline is Feb 11). This is the third and final allocation of the Game Above funds. She also would like to review the dates and process for submitting travel requests, and will send the Chair a request for input. CAC Personnel committee will meet to review the guidelines and provide recommendations for streamlining the application process for faculty travel. Recommendations will be brought back to council in February.
- VI. Dean's Remarks—Ellen Koch provided an update about the status of research equivalencies. She shared that 15 out of 18 CAS departments are applying for the research release, which means that there may be some budget cuts needed to pay for instruction. She noted that it appears that banked hours will not carry over and urged faculty to contact the faculty union about retaining banked hours for at least a year or two after the equivalencies are approved.

Ellen also reported that the process for faculty position requests for 2023 has not yet started; we are waiting for information from the Provost.

VII. Chair's Remarks—Reminder to council to attend the UM Flint presentation on Monday. Zoom invite was sent to all from the Dean.

VIII. Faculty Remarks—Chris Gellasch and Peter Blackmer reported on the first meeting of the CAS Reorganization task force, which is beginning to gather information. The task force is identifying stake holders, collecting data, and working to identify barriers to collaboration.

IX. Adjourn—Kindred adjourned the meeting at 4:25 pm.

Recorded by Annette Wannamaker