

Eastern Michigan University  
College of Arts & Sciences  
College Advisory Council

Minutes

September 3, 2021 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.  
Virtual meeting via Zoom

Attending: Grigoris Argeros (SAC), Peter Blackmer (AAAS), Phillip Cardon (SAD), James Egge (AD), Marisol Garrido (WL), Christopher Gellasch (G&G), Katherine Greenwald (ENVI), Jason Gibson (M&S), Dana Heller (Dean), Beth Henschen (PSci), Debra Ingram (DH—Science), Brandon Johnson (M&D), Melissa Jones (WGST), Jeanette Kindred (CMTA), Ellen Koch (AD), Marianne Laporte (Bio), John McCurdy (H&P), Julian Murchinson (DH—Arts), Biswajit Panja (COSC), Jonathan Skuza (P&A), Amanda Stype (Econ), Annette Wannamaker (Eng), Gregg Wilmes (Chem),

- I. Call to Order and Member Introductions—Meeting was called to order at 3:32pm by acting chair Kindred
- II. Approval of Minutes (May 13, 2021)—Motion to approve these minutes passed by a vote of 10-0-6.
- III. CAC elections—The following were elected by acclamation:
  - a. Chair (one year): Jeannette Kindred
  - b. Vice Chair (one year): Melissa Jones
  - c. Secretary (one year): John McCurdy
  - d. Budget Committee (one year)—Arts: Amanda Stype; Sciences: Marianne Laporte
  - e. Personnel Committee (one year)—Arts: Grigoris Argeros; Sciences: Christopher Gellasch
- IV. Discussion item: Faculty Position Requests for 2021 – 22: to be reviewed again in light of 2021 VSIP  
Dean Heller noted that the provost is asking the CAC to reevaluate rankings for 2021-22 in light of the 31 departures from CAS for VSIP. She did not know how many position requests would be authorized, but hoped for at least eight, especially in programs hardest hit by VSIP like Math/Stat and the Psychology Clinic.
- V. URSLC Elections  
Faculty were mistakenly elected to already filled positions – these elections are not valid and the results of the elections from May 2021 meeting will stand (see May minutes).
- VI. Grad Council Elections: two-year term (2021–23), Arts: Wallace Bridges (A&D) was elected by acclamation
- VII. Dean’s Remarks  
Associate Dean Koch reported that the news on the budget was not as bleak as it once was, and added that Dean’s Office is looking at centralizing copiers and student workers. She added that the Dean’s Office will be reviewing releases across CAS to ensure they are consistent. Associate Dean Egge reported that he’s looking at the CAS website and

Curriculum, and will be working on assessment. He highlighted the Detroit Theme Year. Dean Heller reported that she's already thinking about the next theme year, as well as CAS restructuring. She added that she was still waiting for direction from the Provost for program review.

- VIII. Chair's Remarks—Kindred asked for volunteers for faculty to chair next week's subcommittee meetings. Wilmes volunteered to organize the first Sciences meeting; Kindred will organize the first Arts meeting.
- IX. Faculty Remarks—There were no faculty remarks
- X. Adjourn—Meeting adjourned at 4:24pm by Kindred