

Eastern Michigan University
College of Arts & Sciences
College Advisory Council

Minutes

September 23, 2021 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
Virtual meeting via Zoom

Attending: Grigoris Argeros (SAC), Peter Blackmer (AAAS), Joe Breza (PSY), 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), Ryan Molloy (SAD), Julian Murchinson (DH—Arts), Biswajit Panja (COSC), Jonathan Skuza (P&A), Amanda Stype (Econ), Annette Wannamaker (Eng), Gregg Wilmes (Chem),

- I. Call to Order—Chair called meeting to order at 3:30pm.
- II. Approval of Minutes (September 2, 2021)—Jones moved and Henschen seconded to accept the minutes. Passed 17-0-2.
- III. Sub Committee Recommendations
 - Arts Report (September 9, 2021)—Kindred presented Arts Subcommittee report. She added that since Arts met, COB has responded to concerns regarding EMBA 601 and 609. McCurdy moved and Jones seconded to accept the Arts report. Passed 17-0-2.
 - Sciences Report (September 9, 2021)—Wilmes presented the Science Subcommittee report. Gellasch moved and Laporte seconded to accept the Sciences report. Passed 19-0-0.
- IV. Grad Council Election: two-year term (20 – 22), *one fine arts*. Kindred reported that Deron Overpeck has volunteered for this position. Kindred moved to accept this nomination by acclamation.
Current reps for 2021 - 2022: *social sciences* – Tricia McTague (SAC); *humanities* – John McCurdy (H&P); *natural sciences* - Tamara Loverich (PSY)
- V. Dean’s Remarks. Heller reported on reorganization of CAS. She announced the formation of the CAS Reorganization Task Force. She announced the membership (Kathy Stacey and Beth Currans, chairs; James Egge, Debi Hayl Klegg, and Julian Murchinson, members). She wants five faculty representatives to serve on the committee. She envisions this being a two-year process. She wants a breadth and diversity of faculty representation. The deadline will be determined by the process. Discussion ensued. Kindred suggested that Heller put her request to the CAC in writing, and that she hold off on announcing this to the CAS for at least a week. Members expressed their concerns that this committee did not follow AAUP best practices, that restructuring was already happening in a de facto way, that it was being driven by budgetary concerns, that faculty members were not fully represented (or a co-chair), that the goals of the committee had not been clearly stated, and other things. Some members expressed the desire to talk about the committee without administrators present.

Gellasch moved to wait to discuss the matter until Heller sent the CAC the charge. There was no second. Laporte moved to go into closed session (without administrators). Jones seconded. The vote passed and the administrators left. The faculty discussed Heller's request.

- VI. Chair's Remarks—There were no chair's remarks.
- VII. Faculty Remarks—There were no faculty remarks.
- VIII. Adjourn—Kindred adjourned the meeting at 4:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,
John McCurdy