

Eastern Michigan University
College of Arts & Sciences
College Advisory Council
Minutes

November 17, 2022 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Attendance: Melissa Jones (WGST and Chair), Grigoris Argeros (SAC), Joe Breza (Psy), Phil Cardon (SAD), James Egge (Dean's Office), Chris Gellasch (G&G), Jason Gibson (M&S), Katy Greenwald (ENVI), Heather Holmes (Chem), Debra Ingram (Dept Head M&S), Brandon Johnson (M&D), Ellen Koch (Dean's Office), Marianne Laporte (Bio), John McCurdy (H&P), Julian Murchinson (DH), Deron Overpeck (CMTA), Biswajit Panja (CS), James Saunoris (Econ), Jonathan Skuza (P&A), Tucker Staley (PS), and Annette Wannamaker (Engl)

I. Jones called the meeting to order at 3:38pm.

II. Approval of Minutes. Staley moves to approve and Holmes seconds. Friendly amendment from Staley: correct notation of Staley as Grad Council rep from Social Sciences (not Humanities). Motion passed 13-0-1.

III. Subcommittee Reports. Holmes presented the Sciences Subcommittee report from November 3, 2022. Laporte moved and Gellasch seconded to separate CRM 631 and SOCL 631 from the report. It was approved 14-0-0. Laporte moved and Gellasch seconded to approve the remaining report. It was approved 14-0-0. Discussion ensued about CRM 631 and SOCL 631. Argeros moved and Laporte seconded to table CRM 631 and SOCL 631 pending further discussion of prerequisites and how this affects other departments including SAC. The motion passed 15-0-0. And moving forward, Economics would also be included in this conversation regarding resources.

Gellasch spoke about how EMU block tuition adversely affects students who enroll in summer classes. Gellasch moved and Breza seconded to send the Science Subcommittee's statement to the CAS Dean. Discussion ensued and changes were made. The final version of the statement was:

We bring to your attention a problem that we have discovered. The EMU Block Tuition model covers Fall, Winter, and Summer courses with one rate for students taking between 12-16 credits and a higher credit hour rate for those taking fewer than 12 credits (<https://www.emich.edu/sbs/basics/tuition.php>). Currently that means a student taking 15 credits is paying approximately \$483 per credit hour but one taking fewer than 12 credits is paying \$608 per credit hour. The intent is to encourage students to take more than 12 credit hours per semester (and ideally take 15 credit hours) in order to improve graduation rates.

This model applies to summer tuition but most students taking summer courses are not enrolled full time and end up paying the much higher tuition rate of \$608 per credit. This disparity similarly impacts students in Fall/Winter who are only able to enroll part-time. This

includes students taking internships, field courses, or any single course to stay on track to graduate. The result is disincentivizing students who take summer courses. Students are complaining about this higher rate for summer and are now looking at other options for their summer courses. Community colleges were already less expensive than EMU and now the difference is even more pronounced. For internships, field courses, and other courses that cannot be taken elsewhere or any other time of the year, students are pushing back at having to take them in the summer due to the excessive cost.

The EMU College of Arts and Sciences Advisory Council requests that the Dean bring this issue to the Provost and other members of the EMU Administration in order to develop solutions to address this problem.

The motion carried 15-0-0.

Jones presented the Arts Subcommittee report from November 3, 2022. Overpeck moved and Holmes seconded to separate the Arts and Entertainment Management Minor from the report. It passed 15-0-0. Laporte moved and Gellasch moved to approve the rest of the Arts Subcommittee report. The motion passed 15-0-0. Overpeck moved and Argeros seconded to approve the Arts and Entertainment Management Minor. The motion passed 15-0-0.

IV. Personnel Subcommittee Report. Jones presented Quick Reference Reorg Report and Call. She asked that the Quick Reference Reorg Report and the Call be separated into two separate motions. Laporte recommended separating out the Executive Summary as well. Laporte moved and Argeros seconded to approve the Call for Faculty Consultants with removal of “with the goal of implementing organizational change by Fall 2024” and removal of Quick Reference and to be sent out with the Executive Summary from the original report as well as the original report. The motion passed 15-0-0.

Jones presented the revised GA Allocation Metrics. Discussion ensued. There was a concern that students who conduct research that supported learning were not being counted. Laporte moved and Holmes seconded to approve the motion. There was a concern about the reference to “direct instruction” in Metric 3. There was a concern with the language of calculating by slope in Metric 1. The motion passed 6-4-2.

McCurdy departed the meeting at 5:12pm.

Deans' Remarks:

Associate Dean Koch: No remarks.

Associate Dean Egge: Left meeting at 4:20

Dean Heller: Dean Heller not in attendance

Chair's Remarks: None

Faculty Remarks: None

Jones adjourned the meeting at 5:15

Respectfully submitted,
John G. McCurdy