

CAL CAC Approved Meeting Minutes

4/13/23

Secretary and minute-taker: Ashlee Richards

1. Call to order.

Meeting called to order @ 3:17pm

Present: Berding, Frilingos, Moll, Pellino, Grubbs, Mapes, Douglas, Kedem, Long, Cilano, Fritzsche, Thomas, Vincent, Brown, Richards.

2. Approval of agenda.

Agenda Approved per Tom Berding 3:18pm

3. Approval of CAC Draft Minutes 3/16/23.

Minutes approved unanimously 3:19pm

4. CAC Chair Updates

1. Election for University committees is run by Academic Governance this year.

2. Elections for DAAC are not needed, all members are on the 1st year of a 2-year term. Dean's appointments are on their 2nd year and need to be replaced/reappointed.

3. Request for nominations for next year's CAC will be out this week.

5. Dean's action items

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CAL Strategic Planning Process:

<https://michiganstate.sharepoint.com/:w:/s/CollegeofArtsandLetters-StrategicPlanningInitiative/EZovUWauRGJPjdUV0fyfekBwMH1mebimj0NMbceB6inyA>

Chris Frilingos asked if we can share the link with faculty, Dean Long said yes.

Deanna shared Karen Moroski-Rigney's email for folks to ask questions about the strategic plan link: moroskik@msu.edu

Heather Douglas asked the question: Do you want teaching initiatives or just research & innovation initiatives? Dean Long answered: teaching, research and innovation initiatives should be shared. Cara also responded: we're piloting a new Arts & Letters seminar for all new CAL majors in the fall that focuses on wellness and purpose. The hope is that this first exposure our students will have to think about meaningful post-college lives.

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Heather Douglas asked: The carbon footprint of new buildings is huge. Renovations are central to support. Also preserve historical spaces. Dean Long stated we will need enhanced facilities to fulfill these strategic plans. Tom Berding stated these are core needs moving forward that we will need addressing. Dean Long shared the arts living link for those who are interested in seeing the process that has been made on that <https://artsliving.msu.edu/>. Cara added "And we have Admitted Students this Saturday at which we'll promote the living learning community, too!" Tom Berding stated: Faculty doors at Kresge have faint x's on them. Remnants of anti-war protests in 60's. A lot of history here. Heather also stated to not use career language too much when speaking to students.

6. Dean Sonja Fritzsche led action items

a. University Distinguished Professor Nomination

Sonja shared the link for University Distinguished Professor <https://provost.msu.edu/priorities-and-initiatives/honorifics/all-university-awards/university-distinguished-professor>

(Dean Long leaves for his next meeting)

Nominations for University Distinguished Professors in CAL:

1. Yen-We Lin (Lilac)
2. Amy Derogatis (Religious Studies)
3. Paula Winke (Lilac Arts & Letter)
4. Justus Nieland (English)

Sonja asks for feedback on the candidates, conversation ensues on how the process happens for these nominations. Heather asks what kind of feedback would be helpful, Sonja answers with : I think hearing the input from this committee to help inform the Dean's endorsement. I can take the results of this discussion back to him. Tony Grubbs comments: I know all of the candidates and wholeheartedly support their nominations

for UDP. Sonja comments that nominees have to be in service for at least 5 years, and that the process entails a lot of conversations with colleagues. Tom asks if the Beal award has input in the nominations. Sonja said that they go through the awards committees. Chris states that if a Beal is won they should be put forth for UDP. Sonja says yes absolutely, and faculty should nominate colleges for the Beal. Yore suggests sending those nominations early in the year instead of closer to the January deadlines. Tom makes a motion to fully support all four nominations, and the motion is passed unanimously. (Frilingos requeues).

b. Update on Senior Instructor Process

4 volunteers so far, Charles Molding (RCS), David Medai (WRAC), Adam Gatz (Lilac) , Ronald Schwarz (IAH). Tony & Tom ask if they should add someone from Theatre & AAHD. Sonja said they do have the arts coverage. The first meeting is April 25th. Sonja shares that the process needs to be approved ASAP. Her suggestion was to use the same process as they do for associate to full professorship, but with language for Senior Instructor. No vote was taken. Needs to be in place by August. Sonja proposes a shift for this year alone to use the same process as associate to full and to come back to it for the following year. Senior instructor for the following year would be voted on by December. Sonja asks for motion to move forward with this shift, so she can take it to the task force & announce it at the all college meeting. Yore puts the motion forth, Tom approves the motion, Julie seconds. No discussion. Motion passes.

7. Associate Dean Cara Cilano action items

a. Student Perceptions of Learning Survey (SPLS) implementation. Do we as a college want to take up the opportunity to submit college specific questions to supplement the 8 institutional questions that this student perception learning survey will deliver no matter what? We haven't had a ton of time to do this, but do we want to submit the additional 12 questions? If yes, and we want to get them in for summer we have to do it by April 21st. If we want it for fall, they need to be in by the first of August. Chris Frilingos comments: Thank you, Cara. Why is this decision up to CAC and not CCC? Discussion ensues on the importance of the commentary portion of the SIRS and how they are used to make real changes in the course & the importance of them for faculty evaluations. New questions were shared, and Cara suggested we put them into action by taking them back to departments again and narrowing down.

8. All College Faculty and Staff Meeting Agenda

a. Meeting is on Monday, 5.8 at 9:00-11:00 in Kellogg Center Big Ten A

b. Interim Provost Thomas Jeitschko will attend the meeting – for the entire meeting.

c. More questions from the department's DAC are needed - questions are posted on the team's channel. Deadline for questions is Friday April 21st.

Yore asks Cara to address advising changes and gen ed classes at the all college meeting & will add it to the agenda, Cara agrees.

9. New business

-none was discussed

10. Adjourn 5:03pm