

CAL DAAC Minutes (approved)
November 13, 2024
2:30pm-3:15pm

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Present: Shastri Akella, Scott Boehm, Nicole Broughton-Adams, Kirk Domer, Paul Kotula, Suban Nur Cooley, Stephen Di Benedetto (ex officio), Interim Dean Yen-Hwei Lin

1. Meeting called to order (time not recorded)
2. Meeting began with approval and seconding of last month's minutes.
3. **Review of mission and charge**
 - Kirk expressed appreciation for new language around bias in CAL document
 - Dean Lin inquired about codified by-laws regarding committee charge and role
 - Discussion of aligning with Arts strategy
 - Recommendation to include clear statement and list of goals in mission document
4. **Discussion of Arts' Role and Mission**

Paul proposed new language additions:

- Arts defined as "vehicle for the dissemination of ideas"
 - Recognition of arts' role in probing social, political, and cultural issues
 - Acknowledgment of arts' contribution to design, technology, and community sustenance
 - Land grant mission discussion including indigenous peoples acknowledgment
 - Dean Lin emphasized need for specific college-focused purpose statement
 - Nicole raised concern about artists excluded from academic dialogue
 - Discussion of MFA as terminal degree and recognition of practiced arts in academia
5. **Strategic Planning**
 - Dean Lin suggested creating shared document for ongoing editing/comments
 - Paul emphasized different learning approaches in arts classes
 - Discussion of past five years' accomplishments
 - Proposal for coordinated grant-seeking efforts

- Stephen suggested developing clear college strategic goal
- Discussion of HARP project as potential model

Priority Actions Identified:

- Clarify committee function and mission
- Develop guidance for faculty and student engagement initiatives

6. Broad Museum Controversy

- Scott reported conversation with interim director regarding artwork withdrawal
- Director expressed regret about pressure from upper administration
- Dean Lin updated on planned reparative work:
 - Meetings and conversations in progress
 - Provost willing to receive proposals
 - Dean Lin and Kathleen working on potential grants/financial support
 - Discussions with Judith Stoddart regarding exhibits on sensitive topics
 - Focus on preventing similar situations in future

Meeting adjourned (time not recorded)