

CAL DAAC Minutes (approved)
October 16, 2024
2:30pm-3:15pm

Microsoft Teams

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

1. **Call to order:** 2:30pm:
2. **Approval of agenda:** Approval was moved by Paul Kotula and seconded by Kirk Domer; Approved.
3. **Introduction:** Roundtable introduction.
4. **DAAC committee chair**
 - **Select new chair for 2024-25:** Suban Nur Cooley was nominated by consensus. Approval was moved by Shastri Akella and seconded by Nicole Broughton-Adams; Approved.
 - **Distribute monthly agenda:** We will use the Teams Channel for this.
 - **Assign secretary and minute-takers:** Kirk Domer will start the rotation process.
 - **Send approved minutes to be added to the website:** [Dean's Arts Advisory Committee](#) to Deanna Thomas (thomasde@msu.edu)
5. **Interim Dean's remarks and updates**
 - Budgeting: We are currently unsure how the new budget model will affect future funding for the arts and CAL as a whole. Various models are being explored, and Interim Dean Lin is looking to have a committee think about budget models to allocate resources across CAL.
 - Facility updates must be explored as this is one of the main concerns in arts-related areas. We need feasibility studies to move this through the MSU approval process. New buildings do not seem feasible. How can we renovate current buildings to meet our current needs (research, faculty, program, and students)? Stephen Di Benedetto has a recent document to share regarding past DAAC meetings.
 - MSU exploration of aligning/combining RCAH and CAL to avoid competition to find synergy and streamline Arts & Humanities across campus. A new working group from both colleges may be assembled to explore this collaborative model in a mutually beneficial way.
6. **DAAC's work last year and DAAC's role in relation to Arts Strategy on campus**

- Stephen Di Benedetto (report from last year): The most visible is the CREATE! Micro-Grant. Envision a faculty-led plan to share information from Arts-related programs across campus and how we will align with the Arts Strategy and MSU Pillars. The main action that took place was a discussion over facility needs. They explore what 21st Century arts training facilities, visibility, safety concerns, etc. The aforementioned facilities document was in former Dean Long's hands to share with upper administration at MSU. The second thing they discussed last year was making more cohesive connections and decisions with the arts/culture world beyond campus and in partnership with the Greater Lansing community and how work can be done with the greater Lansing/East Lansing to address the wants/needs of the community. Stephen Di Benedetto will share both documents for the next meeting.
7. DAAC Goals for AY 2024-25
- Facilities & Community Engagement (and the synergies that connect facilities and community engagement); Conversations with Community Stakeholders.
 - Explore CAL faculty engagement (open forums) for better collaboration and connections with the current needs of the faculty.
 - Alignment with the MSU Arts Strategy
 - Alignment with the CAL Strategic Planning
8. Future agenda items
- See Agenda Item #6.
9. Adjournment at 3:18 pm