



**College of Arts and Letters**  
**2021-2022 Faculty Council Meeting Minutes**  
**September 7, 2021, CPA 1025**

**Call to Order 4:05 PM**

**I. Roll Call**

Present: Alamina, Allred, Baltus, Benton, Caceres, Case, Compura, Cook, Dunn, Emonds (for Semaan), Feldmeier, Foss, Grazzini, Hey, Keith, Kistner, McBane, Monteleone, Montes (for Yamazaki), Montpetit, Sakowski, Smith, Stover, Taylor, Whittaker, Yaklin (26)

Absent: Alam, Beatty-Medina, Black, Branson, Carpenter, Christman, Crookston, Dudley, Ferris, Heberle, Mezo, Nemeth, Orloff (for Miner), Rouillard (14)

Vacancies: 5

Guests: Gilbert, Gregory (2)

**II. Approval of Agenda**

Meeting agenda submitted for approval; Motion to approve; Second; Vote: Approve 26, Not Approve 0, Abstain 0; Agenda Approved.

Minutes from last meeting, May 4, 2021, submitted for approval; Motion to approve; Second; Vote: Approve 26, Not Approve 0, Abstain 0; Minutes Approved.

**III. Executive Committee Report: Jetsa Caceres**

Executive Committee members: Jetsa Caceres, Chair; Stephen Sakowski, Vice-Chair; Sheri Benton, Secretary; Christopher Montpetit, Arts rep; Kasumi Yamazaki, Humanities rep; Melissa Baltus, Social Sciences rep; Patricia Case, Parliamentarian.

Standing Committee Appointments (as of Exec. Report):

Curriculum: Linda Rouillard (Chair; Humanities); Bill Ayres (Social Sciences); Melissa Baltus (Social Sciences); Holly Hey (Arts) nominated; need one more each Arts and Humanities members.

Elections: Patricia Case (Chair; Social Sciences); Sheri Benton (Humanities); Kelly McBane (Arts)

Constitution: Jami Taylor (Chair; Social Sciences); Kasumi Yamazaki (Humanities); Pam Stover (Arts)

**IV. Faculty Senate Report: Suzanne Smith**

President Postel reported a positive beginning to the academic year, but noted a continued drop in enrollment over the past 10 years. New recruiting efforts and follow-through will be aimed at HS

sophomores and juniors (current focus is primarily seniors) to help boost future enrollment. President Postel discussed the new COVID-19 vaccine mandate and deadline of Nov. 15. Those exempted for medical reasons or religious beliefs will be required to undergo weekly COVID-19 testing. The University is in discussions with AAUP leaders regarding the vaccine and the CBA. The UT Physicians group has already approved a vaccine mandate for medical faculty members at UTMC. Reminder to upload vaccination status to portal. President Postel was asked about the need for faculty hires in some departments, specifically English, where there have been several recent retirements. He responded that he understands but serious staff shortages, and building and grounds infrastructure needs, are priority right now. He believes that the RCM budget model taking effect Fall 2022 will resolve the allocation of monies. The four new administrative hires are replacements, not new positions, and a replacement will be hired for Willie McKether's former position in the Office of Diversity and Inclusion.

Vice Provost Amy Thompson stated that clarification on the eating and drinking policy in classrooms is forthcoming; responded to air quality questions by stating that 6 air changes per hour are typical in offices, classrooms, and common spaces, and that filters and pre-filters have been changed.

Linda Rouillard gave the Ohio Faculty Council Report, cautioning that some Ohio Congressional reps may work actively against mandatory vaccination programs at public universities and support proposed Ohio HB 248, which would "prohibit mandatory vaccinations, vaccination status disclosures, and certain other actions regarding vaccinations." Rouillard stated that Ohio Faculty Council oppose this bill.

Two resolutions were passed by Faculty Senate and were sent via email to all faculty members on 9/2: Faculty Resolution 21-1 on campus-wide COVID-19 vaccination and Faculty Senate Resolution 21-2 on racism and equity.

#### **V. Graduate Council Report: Jetsa Caceres**

Amy Thompson, Interim Dean of the College of Graduate Studies, discussed moving to new admissions software (Slate) which will also be used by undergraduate admissions. Adam Bohland is the new Director of Admissions. Teri Green has been promoted to Director of Graduate Academic and Student Affairs. Thompson noted her commitment to increasing funding for graduate stipends and tuition waivers, as the cuts of the past several years are unsustainable. There is a movement to house degrees within academic colleges, i.e., a graduate of CAL would receive a degree from CAL rather than COGS. This will take more than a year to implement.

Frank Calzonetti, VP for Research and Sponsored Programs, stated that the University is up nearly 16% in external funding from last year's record. Federal funding is up over 20%, now over \$54 million. CAL's total was nearly \$1.5 million, up \$140,000 from last year. RSP requests plenty of lead-time for proposals, as they are short-staffed.

A reminder that deadlines for faculty renewals and applications are coming up this fall.

CAL Representatives to Graduate Council: Sharon Barnes, Jim Ferris, Jerry van Hoy, Beth Schlemper, and Jami Taylor.

**VI. Curriculum Report: Linda Rouillard**

Nothing yet to report. Committee members needed; Rebecca Monteleone volunteered for Curriculum; Pam Stover (Arts) volunteered and moved from Constitution to Curriculum; Stephen Sakowski added to Constitution.

**Final Curriculum Committee:** Linda Rouillard, Chair (Humanities); Holly Hey (Arts); Pam Stover (Arts); Rebecca Monteleone (Humanities); Melissa Baltus (Social Sciences); Bill Ayers (Social Sciences).

**Final Constitution Committee:** Jami Taylor, Chair (Social Sciences); Stephen Sakowski (Arts); Kasumi Yamazaki (Humanities)

**VII. Elections Committee Report: Patricia Case**

At-Large Humanities nominees needed. Kim McBride nominated.

**VIII. Old Business**

Vote on Bylaw Amendment proposal to Section 1C:

- Council meetings may only be held on Main Campus or via video conference.

Motion to Vote; Second; Vote: 26 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain; Amendment passed.

**IX. Announcements**

Monday, Sept. 13, 7 PM, Peristyle Theater at the Toledo Museum of Art: Edward Shapiro Distinguished Lecture Series speaker Rhiannon Giddens, "Music and the Road to Social Justice." Proof of vaccination or negative PCR test (within 3 days) and ID required. Volunteers needed to help.

Sunday, Sept. 19, Renee Heberle will host a Facebook Live conversation after WGTE's 4:00 PM broadcast of "Reentry Realities: Hope Deferred."

**X. Dean's Report: Charlene Gilbert**

"Thank you all for your critical and extraordinary work."

Monday, Sept. 13: Attendance Reporting deadline.

Enrollment overall trending down (5.7%) but better than peer institutions. Graduate enrollment up 9%. Junior faculty research funding available; go through department first then Dean's office. Smaller amount available than existed pre-COVID.

External funding up 12%. CAL is working on a White Paper as a resource for the RCM budget model that details What Research Looks Like in Humanities and Arts to recognize the importance of scholarly creative work.

Suggestion made to include media mentions as evidence of scholarly work.

Dean's Welcome Reception: Sept. 29, 4-6 PM.

**XI. Adjournment**

Motion to Adjourn; Second; Approve 26; Not Approve, 0; Abstain, 0; Meeting Adjourned.