



## **Judith Herb College of Arts, Social Sciences, and Education**

2025–2026 JHCASE Faculty Council Meeting Minutes

February 3, 2026, 4:00 PM–5:20 PM

Location: CPA

### **Call to Order**

Jami Taylor, Chair, noted that the meeting was called to order 6 minutes late because her class concludes at 3:50 PM and there is limited availability of single user/gender neutral bathrooms on campus.

### **Roll Call**

Present: Allred, Arps (for Schlemper), Baltus, Benton, Bland, Brace, Damschroder, DeRosa, Edgington, Feldmeier, Fitzgerald, Foss, Johnson, Kilpatrick, Kistner, Lawrence (for Nemeth), Martin (for Dudley), Miner, Nelson, Orloff, Pearson, Piedra (for Mossblad), Sakowski, Semaan, Smith, Stauch, Stewart, Taylor, Wang, Zych (30)

Absent: Alam, Alamina, Barnes (for Crookston), Beatty-Medina, Christman, Grazzini, Heban, Mednick, Mezo, Monteleone, Myers, Zeigler (12)

Guests: Gregory, Keith, Lingan, Van Hoy (4)

### **Approval of Agenda and Minutes**

Approval of the Agenda; Second; Motion approved. Approval of the Minutes from Jan. 20; Second; Motion approved.

### **Executive Committee Report: Anthony Edgington**

The Executive Committee met on Friday, January 29. Discussion included Council representation, noting 16 vacant positions, two open seats on Grad Council, and the upcoming Senate curriculum deadline.

### **Dean's Report: Melissa Valiska Gregory**

The Dean's Report PowerPoint is available in the JHCASE Council Meeting Materials AY 2025–2026 > Dean's Reports folder. Discussion points included the Public Service Career and Internship Fair (Feb. 19), Rocket Forward (Feb. 18–19), and the new student scholarship award deadline (Feb. 18).

### **Faculty Senate Report: Gaby Semaan**

No Report

### **Graduate Council Report: Kristen Keith**

Discussion topics included:

- Students losing SNAP benefits
- Elimination of new Grad PLUS loans
- Graduate Faculty Membership opened to lecturers and researchers
- Outstanding Faculty Research and Scholarship Awards, nomination deadline March 2, 2026

### **Constitution Committee Report: Stephen Sakowski**

No Report

### **Curriculum Committee Report: Melissa Baltus**

#### **Course modifications approved:**

COMM 3500: Social Media Strategies  
 EDU 1010: Leadership and Best Practices in Child and Youth Programming  
 EDU 1020: Studies in Child and Youth Learning and Development  
 EDU 1030: Practicum in Child Development Centers/Youth Services Forums

#### **New courses approved:**

COMM 3220: Multi-Camera Television Studio Production  
 COMM 4500: Social Media Campaigns  
 EDU 7100: Quantitative Research Foundations: Concepts and Practice  
 PSC 3550: Human Rights and Humanitarian Law  
 PSC 3560: Legal Frameworks of International Governance  
 PSC 3570: European Law and Governance  
 PSC 3580: Terrorism and National Security

#### **Program modifications approved:**

AE-INTS-MA: Interdisciplinary Studies MA  
 AE-MPCM-CFT: Media Production Certificate  
 AE-PRCM-CFT: Public Relations Communication Certificate  
 AE-SMCM-CFT: Social Media Communication Certificate

#### **Minor Credit Program change:**

Change from 18 credit minimum to 15 credit minimum (programs can chose to have more than 15 credit minors) - approved (1 no)

### **Elections Committee Report: Sam Nelson**

Graduate Council nominations needed

### **Old Business**

No Report

### **New Business**

No Report

### **Announcements**

No Report

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn; Seconded; Motion approved.