



Judith Herb College of Arts, Social Sciences, and Education

2025–2026 JHCASE Faculty Council Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2026, 4:00 PM–5:20 PM

Location: CPA

Call to Order

Jami Taylor, Chair, noted that the meeting was called to order 4 minutes late because her class concluded at 3:50 PM and there is limited availability of single user/gender neutral bathrooms on campus.

Roll Call

Present: Alam, Allred, Arps, Baltus, Benton, Bland, Damschroder, Edgington, Feldmeier, Fitzgerald, Foss, Grazzini, Johnson, Kilpatrick, Kistner, Lawrence (for Nemeth), Martin, Mezo, Miner, Monteleone, Nelson, Orloff, Pearson, Sakowski, Smith, Stewart, Taylor, Zych (28)

Absent: Alamina, Beatty-Medina, Brace, Christman, DeRosa, Heban, Mednick, Myers, Semaan, Stauch, Wang (11)

Guests: Gregory, Keith, Ligan, Mattison (4)

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Approval of the Agenda; Second; Motion approved. Approval of the Minutes from Nov. 25; Second; Motion approved.

Executive Committee Report: Becca Monteleone

The Executive Committee met on Friday, January 16. Discussion included Council representation and roster updates.

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 Presidential Priorities, upcoming Day of Giving, and policy updates to ensure alignment with the ODHE.

Faculty Senate Report: Gaby Semaan

No Report

Graduate Council Report: Kristen Keith

Discussion topics included:

- Graduate student health insurance premiums
- Updating info in CIM for pipeline programs; removing inactive courses
- New Vice President for Research, Grace Bochenek, effective February 2, 2026

- 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 3330: Public Relations and Principles of Advertising
HIST 3100: European Middle Ages

New courses approved:

COMM 2720: Introduction to Public Relations
ECON 2000: Economics Proseminar
SOC 4850: Public and Applied Sociology
WGST 3070: Nonbinary: Gender Beyond the Binary (2 opposed: Jami Taylor, et al.)

Program modifications approved:

AE-ENGL-MA-LITR: Masters in English
AE-GEOG-BA-GIST: Geography and Planning - Geographic Information Science and Technology Concentration
AE-GEOG-BA-HEGE: Geography and Planning - Human and Environmental Geography Concentration
AE-GEOG-BA-URBN: Geography and Planning - Urban Studies Concentration
AE-GEOG-BA-URPL: Geography and Planning - Urban and Regional Planning
GISS: Gender Identities and Sexuality Studies Minor (1 opposed: Jami Taylor)

New programs approved:

Art Museum Practices Minor
Arts Management and Entrepreneurship Certificate (UG certificate)

Elections Committee Report: Becca Monteleone

No Report

Old Business

- Special Committee on Minor Credit Hours Report – Tom Zych
 - Straw poll via anonymous ballot vote to determine whether Minors in JHCASE should be 12 or 15 minimum credit hours called; results:
 - 6 votes for 12 credit hours,
 - 14 votes for 15 credit hours, and
 - 7 votes for either 12 or 15.
 - Vote to amend to 15 credit hours minimum: passed
- Special Committee on Tenure and Promotion Elaborations – Andrew Mattison
 - Vote to accept Elaborations Final Draft: passed

New Business

No Report

Announcements

Department of Art Faculty Exhibition 2026, reception January 30

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn; Seconded; Motion approved.