

Minutes of the CAS Faculty Senate Meeting of September 20, 2021

September 20, 2021, 4:00 PM – 4:33 PM

Attending: James Angelini, Jennifer M. Barker, Alan Fox, Katie Gwaltney, John Morgan, John Pelesko, Eric Rise, Jenn Trivedi, Nonie Bell, Patricia Burt, Erin Cassese, Kelly Cobb, Jon Cox, Theodore Davis, Jr., Lawrence Duggan, Darryl Flaherty, Peter X. Feng, Deni Galileo, Christine Grogan, Dominique Guillot, Richard Hanley, Adele Hayes, Jenny Lobasz, Dilia Lopez-Gydosh, Nina Owczarek, Talley Ridgeway, Tom Rocek, Jorge Serrano, Kimberly Schroeder, Jia Song, Rebecca Tollan, Shawna Vican, Neal Zondlo

President Jennifer Barker conducted a poll indicating that a quorum of CAS senators was present. It was clarified that only senators can vote, but John Morgan clarified that a duly appointed alternate can also vote.

President Jennifer Barker introduced new executive committee members and staff member.

The agenda was adopted with a revision.

Those voting then approved the minutes of the May 17 meeting.

Dean John Pelesko made a short presentation. Slides from the presentation are attached here.

There are 70 signed retirements coming in the college over the next 3 years which will necessitate hiring.

The incoming class for the college for Fall 2021 is 1179 students, up from Fall 2020 at 998, although below the target of 1292.

The FY22 numbers are looking more like FY20 numbers, leading to the opportunity to re-budget, request additional funds for FY23, and for FY22 a return to F&A return to 20% sharing with units, 2% Arts & Humanities fund, and returning to previous patterns of sharing on graduate tuition.

There was some discussion of how other colleges were doing with meeting their targets and the shifting interest in majors and student interests. Dean Pelesko also clarified that all of the Biden School numbers had been removed from CAS numbers so any shifts in CAS numbers were not a reflection of the Biden School moving into their own college.

There was a vote to move the remaining meetings for the Fall 2021 semester to a virtual format, which passed.

There was a report from the Educational Affairs Committee from James Angelini.

Any program revisions, deactivations, or new programs, need to be in Curriculog and to the Educational Affairs step by Friday, October 29 to ensure it moves through the system on time. Anything that is course related needs to be to that step by Friday, November 5.

Those eligible to vote on the Consent Agenda unanimously approved the BA in Communication – Public Relations Concentration.

Under New Business, Senator Richard Hanley noted that there was a rising cost in publications with the growing open source model that often works on a “publisher pays” model, which raised particular

problems for researchers in the arts and humanities since they tend to have less grant money available. Senator Hanley suggested this was something to keep an eye on.

There was some discussion of these rising costs, how long this had been an issue, how this was taking place in prestigious journals and organizations in many fields, and the role of impact factors in publication and candidate evaluation.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:33 PM ET.