

AUC Curriculum Committee Draft Minutes

Thursday, October 21, 2021

Attendees: Soumitra Basu, Christine Devine, Barbara Cormier (SGA), William Cortezia, Adem Elveren, Cheryl Goldman, Elizabeth Gordon, Jonathan Harvey, Margaret Hoey, Sydney Kinz (SGA), Aruna Krishnamurthy, Sara Levine, Lori Link, Lori Steckervetz, JJ Sylvia, Aisling O'Connor, Steven Olson, Heather Urbanski, Jared Vanasse, Danielle Wigmore, Sarah Wright

Absent: Catherine Buell

Guests: Franca Barricelli, Steven Fiedler, Kisha Tracy

1. Call to Order

Steven Fielder called the meeting to order at 3:31 pm

2. Overview, Introduction & Selection of Chairperson

Steven Fielder can an overview of the committee responsibilities. Committee members attending in person and via Google Meet introduced themselves. Steven called for nominations and / or self-nominations for chairperson. He indicated that co-chairs was also an option. Soumi Basu and Aruna Krishnamurthy self nominated

Vote: 21/0/0 (For / Against / Abstain)

3. Current Business

3.1 Selection of Minutes Recording System

Steven Fielder and Meg Hoey indicated that there should be at least one secretary to record the meeting minutes, but ideally, there should be three rotating secretaries. Soumi and Aruna called for self-nominations. Aisling O'Connor self-nominated herself as a co-secretary. After a long pause there were no further self-nominations. A call for two additional co-secretaries will be made at the next meeting.

Vote: 21/0/0 (For / Against / Abstain)

3.2 Formation of the LAS Sub-Committee

Steven Fiedler asked the committee to consider changing the name of the subcommittee to the “General Education Subcommittee” and to form the new subcommittee. Danielle was on the sub-committee last year and asked if this was still necessary. Kisha indicated that the sub-committee is still needed, but is a non-voting committee. Aruna said that we should consider if there was any rationale for keeping the subcommittee. Liz Gordon was on the sub-committee and said that the same discussions were had at both the sub-committee and curriculum committee. There was some further discussion back and forth about the value of the sub-committee, but it was decided that the name be changed first.

Motion to change the name of the LA&S sub-committee to the General Education sub-committee: Soumi Basu **Second:** Sydney Kinz

Vote: 21/0/0 (For / Against / Abstain)

Soumi suggested selecting members for the sub-committee. Aruna said we should pause to see if there was interest in a motion to dissolve the committee. JJ asked if it would need to be voted on by AUC. Meg, Aruna, JJ, Kisha and others had a vigorous discussion about the merits of the committee and if it was better to do away with it rather than populating. JJ informed the committee that AUC 132 (2019) which detailed the formation of the sub-committee was withdrawn.

Motion to dissolve the General Education sub-committee: Steve Olsen **Second:** Aruna Krishnamurthy

Vote: 14/1/6 (For / Against / Abstain)

3.3 Determination of Meeting Modality

Aruna, Meg, Liz, Soumi, Kisha, JJ and others discussed the audio issues of dual modality meeting. Suitably sized facilities not available on campus to accommodate dual modality meetings. While many members would prefer in person meetings, virtual is more practical. Some other governance bodies have also adopted virtual meetings (straw poll) remote meetings in the future.

3.4 Extending Meeting Beyond 4:30 pm

At 4:33 pm Kisha informed the committee that a vote was needed to extend the meeting time beyond 4:30 pm so that AUC # 1 could be addressed.

Vote: 21/0/0 (For / Against / Abstain)

3.5 AUC 1: Academic Calendar

Motion to consider AUC 1: JJ Sylvia, **Second:** Liz Gordon

Sponsor: Franca Barricelli

Discussion: The AY 22/23 calendar has already gone through governance. Franca brought up the following points regarding AY 23/24:

- Classes will begin on Fri. Sep 2.
- A reading day has been added in the fall.
- The last day to drop course has moved back.
- AY 22/23 and 23/24 calendars retain the same "goal posts"
- Move final withdrawal day from Thanksgiving day in 2023
- Prior friendly amendment (student affairs and policy) to move final day to withdraw from Thursday, Nov. 23 (Thanksgiving) to Monday, Nov. 27

Liz brought up the issue of spring break being 1 week early in 2024, compared to years (note for future consideration). Franca will view the implications, but it may be difficult to change.

VOTE: 21/0/0 (For / Against / Abstain)

4. Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 4:51 pm: JJ Sylvia, **Second:** Elizabeth Gordon

VOTE: 21/0/0 (For / Against / Abstain)

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Aisling O'Connor

