

College Advisory & Communication Committee April 10, 2024 • 9:00 – 10:00 AM Minutes

Present: Lynda Bykerk-Rupke (ELC), Hannah Chiu (SSW Undergraduate Representative), Rita Cooper (CECI Dean's Office), Jen DeWaard (T&L) for Wei Gu (sabbatical), Mark Hoffman (CECI Dean's Office), Christopher Kierkus (SCCJLS), Jamie Langlois (SSW), Angie Leedy (SSW Graduate Representative), Kel Nemetz (OCA), Melanie Rabine-Johnson (CECI UAC), and Mei Mah (CEP), and Mary Bair (LEFT) for Rui Niu-Cooper (sabbatical)

Absent: Mary Bair (LEFT) for Rui Niu-Cooper (sabbatical), Patty Janes (SCLD)

- 1. A motion was made to approve the 3/13/24 minutes. The motion was seconded and was unanimously approved.
- 2. Introductions were made giving your name, pronouns, unit, and talking point.
- 3. Jamie discussed the chair position with some members for 2024-25.
 - Kel declined due to time constraints in finishing her degree.
 - Christopher agreed to chair if Jamie continued her current term.
 - Christopher shared his thoughts and vision for CACC if he were elected chair.
 - He has no issues with the current bylaws.
 - He would continue highlighting and celebrating CECI faculty and staff and their initiatives within the community.
 - He would continue supporting our current project/events (MC4T service event, Kids' Food Basket, possibly GACC) if those members continued to champion those causes. He would also like to explore other options.
 - Christopher would have a different approach to the administrative side of CACC – minimize summer work, less meetings.
 - The Dean's Office needs a partner to facilitate activities to raise morale and visibility
 of our college. Mark will request the data from the university-level survey
 completed by the faculty to address the morale issue.
 - Kel voiced concern if our current social events would continue under this possible new leadership. Jamie thought social events would continue, just differently.
 - Mei thought CACC was doing good work but mentioned the stress colleagues were feeling both internally and externally with committee responsibilities. She suggested we look at our goals and continue to do a few goals well instead of spreading ourselves thin with too many – not to add stress with more activities.
 - Melanie echoed Mei's comments and suggested we critically reflect on what our goals/purpose is. She supports Chris and his value of leadership.
 - Briefly discussed the possibility of having Christopher and Kel co-chair this committee. Kel is not ready to commit at this time.

A vote was taken to elect Christopher as the new chair for 2024-25. Those present voted yes with one abstaining vote.

4. Rhett was given to Angie for all of her work with the awards. Great job, Angie!

- 5. Jamie sent thank-yous to CACC members and Faculty Council. She wondered if 50 hours was an appropriate amount that members volunteered their time. **If you have any comments, please let Jamie know.**
- 6. Mark created a list of summer concerts. This would be a great way to use CECI Chat. More to come.
- 7. Jamie shared the detailed CECI Winter Year-end Meeting agenda and asked for volunteers to assist with setup.
 - Lynda, Jen and Mei volunteered.
 - Christopher will read the award statements.
 - Jamie to handle the gallery walk
 - Kel with PPTs, table items
- 8. A Doodle Poll will be sent with options for monthly meeting dates/times for 2024-25. Rita will send this poll after the college election as new members may be joining.
- 9. A CACC Retreat is tentatively planned for Wednesday, July 17 at Jamie's house.