

CAS Policy Committee
April 25, 2022
3:30–5:00 PM
Steering Committee 2:40–3:30 PM
Zoom meeting

Meeting Agenda

1. Vote to approve minutes for meeting held on March 28, 2022.
2. Update from Dean Robin Schulze, followed by questions for the Dean.
3. Vote to approve new Faculty Senators for the College (term ending June 30, 2024):

COL	David Johnson
ENG	Kenneth Dauber
HIS	Cari Casteel
HIS	Victoria Wolcott
MTH	Barbara Prinari

4. Vote to approve new Policy Committee unit representatives (term ending June 30, 2025):

COL	Shaun Irlam
GLY	Kristin Poinar
JT	Sergey Dolgopolski
MUS	Brian Moseley
PSY	Matt Paul
TD	Lindsay Brandon Hunter

Still waiting on ART, DMS, and SOC to name their unit representatives.

5. Vote to approve new Policy Committee at-large representative (term ending June 30, 2025):

ECO	Aisling Winston
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Now have three open at-large positions; third has a term ending June 30, 2023. If volunteers can be found, these positions can be filled via a majority vote of the PC. All departments except ECO, ENG, MTH, PSC, PSY, and TD can have a second PC representative.

6. Vote to approve Prof. Kalliopi Nikolopoulou as alternate COL representative while Prof. Shaun Irlam is on research leave during the 2022-2023 academic year.

7. Vote to approve new PhD Excellence Oversight Committee (PEOC) departmental representatives (term ending June 30, 2024):

BIO Michael Yu
GEO Abigail Cooke

Still waiting on PHI to name a departmental representative.

8. Update on nominations for Budget Committee and at-large PEOC representatives. Policy Committee representatives are encouraged to recruit nominees or nominate themselves for these positions.

9. Discussion of whether to change the charge of the Budget Committee due to the concern that the language implies a supervisory role that is inconsistent with the CAS Bylaws, which stipulate that the PC is advisory to the Dean. Approved amendment to the Standing Orders establishing the Committee is attached.

- i) Reminder email soliciting nominations will state that the formation of the Budget Committee acts on one of the recommendations in the final report of the PhD Excellence Bridge Committee (4th bullet-point on page 6). The recommendation was stated as follows: “Establish a faculty oversight committee for all major expenditures in the Dean’s office. We believe that the unchecked expansion of spending on the Dean’s office has revealed weaknesses in the structure of CAS governance that should be reformed to prevent it from reoccurring in the future. We thus recommend enhancing faculty oversight to help ensure that funding will be allocated for core College missions of graduate education and tenure-track hiring, rather than being appropriated for additional hiring in the Dean’s office. To accomplish this, we recommend establishing a CAS faculty Budget Committee, for both program evaluation of the Dean’s initiatives and oversight of major expenditures in the Dean’s office, including developing and implementing a flexible but meaningful target for limiting total Dean’s office expenditures. In accordance with CAS bylaws, the Budget Committee should be established by the CAS Policy Committee and follow all bylaws of the College of Arts and Sciences as regards committee membership and selection of the committee chair”
- ii) Vote on whether to change the charge. If the vote to change is successful, vote on which alternative version to adopt. See attached comparison of alternatives.

10. Discussion of whether to put forward amendments to the CAS Bylaws concerning the Appointments, Promotions, and Tenure Committee. See attachment for details

- i) Explicate the role of APT members in the review of cases from their own unit.
- ii) Add stipulation that APT must rely on the unit’s stated standards and the interpretation of those standards by the unit Chair and external evaluators.

11. Discussion of succession plan for the Policy Committee – agenda for first meeting in the fall and selection of the officers for the 2022-2023 academic year

12. Update on the administration of the PC's faculty survey.