

CAS Policy Committee

March 27, 2023

Steering Committee Meeting: 2:30–3:30 PM

General Meeting: 3:30–5:00 PM

Zoom meetings

General Meeting Agenda

1. Prof. Harvey Palmer (PSC) will call the meeting to order.
2. Vote to approve the agenda.
3. Vote to approve minutes for the meeting held on February 27, 2023 [attachment to be sent during the morning of 3/27].
4. Update from Dean Robin Schulze.
5. Elections Committee update on solicitation of nominees for CAS openings on the Faculty Senate and at-large positions on the Policy Committee (PC).
6. Nominations to serve as the Chair and Vice-Chair of the PC for 2023-2024. The Vice-Chair would serve as the Chair for 2024-2025. If necessary, the PC will vote on the candidates in the next regular meeting on April 24, 2023.
7. Update on soliciting additional feedback from current PhD Excellence Oversight Committee members with respect to the petition letter submitted by a group of CAS department chairs about changing the Committee's charge.
8. Update on soliciting feedback about CAS IT Policies and Procedures, as initial step in considering the proposal to form a PC subcommittee to investigate this issue further and potentially make policy recommendations (the proposal was distributed prior to the previous meeting on 2/27). Attached is Dr. Martin Camacho's response to my email request that a representative from his office attend a future PC meeting.
9. Discuss the CAS Space Policy developed by the CAS Dean's Office and submitted to the PC for review. The full policy and executive summary were originally distributed by email on March 14th but have been attached for convenience. If there are no objections or suggested changes, the PC will vote on the proposal. If changes are suggested or PC representatives request more time to review the policy, voting on the policy will be conducted in the next meeting on April 24, 2023.
10. Discuss possible PC action in response to concerns raised by graduate students about the lack of affordable, by-the-hour childcare service on campus, which is also a potential concern for junior faculty. This concern was raised with Prof. Barbara Wejnert (EVS) as a factor contributing to the loss of MA students who entered programs during the pandemic.

11. Discuss possible PC action in response to the results of the faculty survey conducted at the end of the Spring 2022 semester.

- Discuss possibility of administering a faculty survey on a regular basis (e.g., every other year or every third year).

12. Prof. Cagatay Kutluhan (MAT) will introduce an item for inclusion on the agenda for the April 24th meeting: Discussion of the administration's reliance on Academic Analytics (AA) and the lack of transparency in how AA data are being used to inform policy decisions that impact the College's fulfillment of its educational missions.

- PC representatives should seek input from their departmental colleagues prior to the next meeting to better inform this discussion.