

CAS Policy Committee
October 25, 2021
3:30–5:00 PM
Steering Committee 2:30–3:30 PM
Zoom meeting

Meeting Agenda

1. Vote to approve minutes for meeting held on September 27, 2021.
2. Update from Dean Robin Schulze
3. Still need someone to serve as Vice-Chair.
4. Steering Committee members (in addition to the Chair) are: Judith Goldman (on leave in fall), Lara Hutson, Margarete Jadamec, Damien Keane, Cagatay Kutluhan, Leonard Simms, and Barbara Wejnert. As Secretary, James Battista will serve as an *ex officio* member. Vote to approve members. For reference, the Bylaws stipulate these conditions for this committee:

The Steering Committee shall recommend the agenda for each meeting of the Policy Committee, serve as the committee on committees, and carry out such other duties as the Policy Committee may assign. Its Chair shall be the Policy Committee Chair; its members shall be the Vice Chair of and seven members elected annually by and from the Policy Committee; no two shall be from the same unit.

5. Only two volunteers so far for the Budget Oversight Subcommittee – Professors Omer Gokcumen and Damien Keane. How many members are necessary for this subcommittee to fulfill its charge (without overburdening its members)? If the membership is deemed sufficient, vote to approve the members. Otherwise, table until next meeting. For reference, the Subcommittee’s charge stipulates these conditions:

The Subcommittee shall consist of six members, appointed by the Policy Committee from among its own members. Each division of the College shall be represented by two members, but no unit may have more than one member on the Subcommittee at once. Terms shall be for two years, and members shall be eligible to serve no more than three terms consecutively. The Subcommittee shall select a chair from among its members on a yearly basis, with preference given to those in their second (or subsequent) year of service on the Subcommittee.

6. Still need someone to serve as the Policy Committee representative to the Awards Committee.
7. Awards Committee membership is listed below. The Committee’s charge allows for up to seven faculty members, so all three nominees to fill the open positions were appointed.

SOC Mary Nell Trautner – 430 Park – trautner@buffalo.edu
CHE Jason Benedict – 359 Natural Sciences – jbb6@buffalo.edu
ENG Ruth Mack – 306 Clemens – ruthmack@buffalo.edu
COM Janet Yang – 329 Baldy – zyang5@buffalo.edu

APY Noreen von Cramon-Taubadel – 166 Spaulding Bldg 6 – noreenvo@buffalo.edu
PSY Rebecca Ashare – 228 Park – rlashare@buffalo.edu

Dean's Office ex officio

Gerald Koudelka, Senior Associate Dean for Research – koudelka@buffalo.edu

Michelle Scott, Director of HR – mscott2@buffalo.edu

8. Elections Committee will solicit APT candidates in early November. There will be four openings, and the continuing members are from: TD, PSY, BIO, ART, GLY, GEO, PHY, and COM, so all other departments will be contacted to nominate candidates.
9. Update on nominee list submitted for Decanal Review of Dean Schulze.
10. Discuss PEI Oversight Committee's decision to not use the algorithm for academic year 2022-2023. The Oversight Committee is seeking the approval of the PC on this decision since it does not conform to a strict interpretation of the Committee's charge.
11. Discuss the CAS Bylaws amendment to APT procedure and what to do next given that the amendment vote failed to achieve the 35% turnout requirement.
12. Discuss whether the Policy Committee should act in support of a faculty effort to have UB consider UC Berkeley's recommendations regarding virtual Covid accommodation for faculty with young children and elderly dependents.