

CLAS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Minutes
Tuesday, December 3, 2024
8:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Present: Jill Beckman, Mark Blumberg, Chris Cheatum, Roxanna Curto, Eric Gidal, Erin Irish, Rebekah Kowal, Brian Lai, Cornelia Lang, Roland Racevskis, Sara Sanders (via zoom), Michael Sauder, Alberto Segre, Joshua Weiner

Absent: None.

Guests: Kelly Kauffman, Tiffany Schier, Becca Tritten

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the November 19 meeting were approved as amended.

2. Decanal Review

Dean Sara Sanders announced her decanal review will be scheduled for the month of October 2025. Associate Provost Lois Geist has requested the Executive Committee work with officers of Faculty Assembly to compile a list of candidates to serve on the decanal review committee by February 1. Dean Sanders will also provide her own list; Provost Kevin Kregel will then choose 8 faculty from the candidate lists representing all portfolios and one staff member to serve on the review committee. Criteria for faculty nominations were discussed. Brian Lai volunteered to send the list to AP Geist by the deadline.

3. Associate Dean (AD) Contract Renewal Process

Dean Sara Sanders shared an updated draft proposal for the AD Contract Renewal Process. A brief discussion suggested a few minor revisions. The proposal, as revised, will go to the Provost's office for review.

4. Percentage change in faculty budgeted appointment and faculty line shift requests

Faculty Affairs Director Tiffany Schier joined the meeting to go through each of the faculty line shift requests.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Secretary Alberto Segre

CLAS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Minutes
Tuesday, December 10, 2024
8:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Present: Jill Beckman, Mark Blumberg, Chris Cheatum, Roxanna Curto, Eric Gidal, Erin Irish, Rebekah Kowal, Brian Lai, Cornelia Lang, Roland Racevskis, Sara Sanders, Michael Sauder, Alberto Segre, Joshua Weiner

Absent: None

Guests: Paul Dilley, Kelly Kauffman, Becca Tritten

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the December 3 meeting were approved.

2. Religious Studies Discussion

Religious Studies Department Executive Officer Paul Dilley was present to participate in a discussion of future plans for the Department (EC member Associate Professor Roxanna Curto was excused in accordance with the UI conflict of interest policy). After presenting a brief overview of the Department's history, current faculty makeup, and its graduate and undergraduate programs, Professor Dilley focused on his programmatic goals and how the structure of the department might evolve to better fit their evolving curriculum and student interest.

After the presentation, EC discussed the options presented and settled on a few recommendations for how best to move forward: Dean Sanders will communicate these recommendations as well as a projected timeline for future action to Professor Dilley.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Secretary Alberto Segre

CLAS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Minutes
Tuesday, December 17, 2024
8:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Present: Jill Beckman, Mark Blumberg, Chris Cheatum, Roxanna Curto, Eric Gidal, Erin Irish, Rebekah Kowal, Brian Lai, Cornelia Lang, Roland Racevskis, Sara Sanders, Michael Sauder, Alberto Segre, Joshua Weiner

Absent:

Guests: Tim Havens, Ben Hill, Kelly Kauffman, Meena Khandelwal, Tom Oates, Rene Rocha, Becca Tritten, Lindsay Vella

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the December 10 meeting were approved.

2. MOP Timeline

Dean Sara Sanders reviewed the timeline for the MOP vote.

3. Social and Cultural Analysis Plan and Vote

First, Associate Dean Cornelia Lang updated Executive Committee (EC) following the December 16 UEPCC meeting, where the four educational program components of the School of Social and Cultural Analysis proposal were approved unanimously.

Following her update, EC was joined by Tim Havens, Meena Khandelwal, Tom Oates, Rene Rocha and Lindsay Vella who reviewed the present proposal and answered a number of questions. Following a thorough discussion, EC voted unanimously in favor of creating the new School of Social and Cultural Analysis and its associated new Social and Cultural Analysis undergraduate major. A closely related motion to close the Social Justice major also passed unanimously; EC had previously passed a similar closely related motion to close the American Studies major.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Secretary Alberto Segre