

**CASL Meeting #10 Minutes**  
**March 24, 2023**  
**2:00PM – 3:00PM**  
**Zoom Meeting**

**Attendees:** Jeannine Coburn (chair), Francesca Bernardi, Paula Fitzpatrick (guest), Arne Gericke, Arnold Lane, Jim Doyle (acting secretary)

**Call to Order:** 2:03PM

Approval of minutes from previous meetings was tabled due to lack of a quorum.

The committee continued its discussion of graduate student advising practices on two fronts: (1) a document titled “Academic Advising: The Graduate Student Experience” designed to provide graduate students an overview of how academic advising works; (2) a draft survey to be sent to graduate program directors to benchmark current advising practices and documentation thereof. These efforts are being undertaken in coordination with CGSR and the Office of the Dean of Graduate Studies.

It is hoped that the survey will help to identify best practices and facilitate their dissemination. CASL will proceed with the implementation of the survey.

Disparities in how academic advising works for undergraduates and master’s students were discussed. Questions were raised about how programs and departments handle advising for B.S./M.S. students. The need for a representative of the Dean of Graduate Studies to sit on CASL as an ex-officio member was discussed.

Paula Fitzpatrick, Director of the Center for Well Being, joined the meeting. Dr. Fitzpatrick reviewed the mission of the Center, introduced its staff, and described its services and programs. The Center is interested in partnering with faculty and is seeking advice on how best to communicate with faculty and students and how to improve messaging with respect to the nature and purpose of Wellness Days. A wide-ranging discussion ensued.

**Adjournment:** 3:39PM