

CASL Meeting Minutes #3
September 24, 2021
3:00 – 3:30 PM
Meeting held via Zoom

Attendees: Scott Barton (Chair), Jeannine Coburn, Francesca Bernardi (Acting Secretary), Gregory Snoddy, Pádraig Ó Catháin, Arne Gericke, Edward Gutierrez.

Agenda

1. Call to order

Chair Barton called the meeting to order at 3:00PM.

2. Upcoming Special Faculty Meeting on “Mental Health on Campus”

Scheduled for Thursday, September 30th, 3:15-4:45PM ET.

Meeting logistics:

- CASL sees pros and cons to all meeting formats (i.e., virtual, hybrid, in-person), but we ultimately recommend a **virtual meeting** to prioritize everyone’s safety and accessibility.
- The meeting should not be recorded, and official minutes should not be taken. All present CASL members will take notes but will not record who suggests which idea.
- CASL recommends inviting members of the administration, SDCC, OAS, OMA and whomever wants to contribute.

Meeting structure:

- Chair Barton will run the meeting. We will not include presenters but rather have a moderated forum discussion for the entire meeting. We aim to develop clear action items with specific and measurable goals: immediate short-term action items as well as long-term goals.
- CASL wants to have a conversation on mental health on campus and what faculty can do to help.
- We will not include motions in this meeting. There are motions coming up in CAO/CAP to support the option of offering posthumous degrees to students. Those can be discussed and voted on at the regularly scheduled October 7th faculty meeting.

Next steps:

- CASL will provide a summary of the ideas/actions collected during the meeting to the WPI Mental Health and Well-Being Task Force. Action items will be distributed among relevant committees to be implemented.

3. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30PM.

Minutes prepared by:

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CASL Acting Secretary