

CAS General Faculty Meeting
March 8, 2023 3:30 PM
Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center, Convocation Hall

- I. Call to Order
- II. Welcome & Dean's Remarks
- III. Approval of Minuts from November 11, 2022 CAS General Faculty meeting
- IV. Approval of Minutes from November 8, 2022 CAS General Faculty Meeting
- V. New Business
 - a. New Program
 - i. BEd in Chemistry Secondary Education—see p. 5
 - b. Program Changes
 - i. BA in Mathematics—see p. 12
 - ii. BS in Mathematics—see p. 18
 - iii. BA in Political Science—see p. 24
 - iv. Minor in Public Administration—see p. 29
 - c. Program Deletions
 - i. BA in Chemistry Secondary Education—see p. 33
 - ii. BS in Chemistry Secondary Education—see p. 38
 - d. CAS Degree Changes
 - i. Reducing CAS credit hour requirement for CAS Bachelor of Education degrees—see p. 44
 - ii. Restoring the 99-credit hour rule for CAS degrees (excepting BEds)—see p. 46
- VI. Discussion/Questions from CAS Faculty
- VII. Announcements

CAS General Faculty Meeting
November 8–18, 2022 (online)
Meeting Minutes

Matt Arterburn, Interim Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, conducted a meeting via email beginning November 8, 2022.

New Business included voting on the proposed Great TEXTS certificate program.

The proposed program passed with a quorum of CAS faculty voting. The meeting concluded on November 18, 2022.

CAS General Faculty Meeting
Minutes
November 1, 2022 3:30 PM
Washburn B, Memorial Union

- I. Call to Order at 3:35 PM—Did not have quorum so could not conduct business. Instead held discussion and agreed to try to hold electronic vote on new business items.
- II. Welcome & Dean's Remarks. Interim Dean Matt Arterburn began by welcoming everyone and thanking them for their attendance. Acknowledged the current issue involving concerns about an employee's costume at an on-campus Halloween party. Arterburn shared that complaints about the incident are under formal university review and he is limited in what he can say while that investigation is underway. Faculty who want to share information or how the event has impacted them should contact Dr. Teresa Clouch. Regardless of the outcome of the review, Arterburn shared that the College of Arts and Sciences will commit to the pursuit of constructive learning opportunities on issues brought up by the event; these will include training sessions, workshops and facilitated conversations to promote reflection and dialogue. He invited comments and questions from CAS faculty in attendance, but recommended that extensive dialogue wait until a trained facilitator can be brought in.
- III. Approval of Minutes from September 21, 2022 CAS General Faculty Meeting—minutes could not be approved because of lack of quorum.
- IV. New Business
 - a. New Program
 - i. Great TEXTS Certificate Program—Dean Arterburn and others involved in the program proposal introduced it and answered questions. Proposal originated when a donor approached Washburn about creating an interdisciplinary program to support the humanities at Washburn and encourage students to appreciate the power of the humanities to transform their lives and solve timely and timeless problems. Students will receive scholarships to take TEXTS courses and required books. All classes will be team-taught by CAS faculty; faculty will receive stipends to develop TEXTS courses and release time to make up for the reduction in faculty load required by the handbook for co-taught classes. All classes will also include an experiential component (e.g. travel, visits to Karlyle Woods, etc). TEXTS is an acronym for Transformative, Experiential, Team-Taught Studies. Several faculty voiced support for the TEXTS program. Faculty member asked about what the learning objectives for each course will be; another faculty member clarified that all learning objectives for each course are included in the program proposal. Faculty in attendance voiced broad support for conducting an electronic vote on the proposal since there was not a quorum at the meeting.
- V. Discussion/Questions—Dean Arterburn provided some updates about proposed KBOR gen ed plan. Plan will significantly reduce number of required general

education courses. However, overall number of credits required for a degree will remain at 120 hours. For BAs, there will be 20–21 credit hours (formerly gen ed requirements) that students will have flexibility in taking to complete their degrees. KBOR is being strict about what WU must accept in transfer for general education but allowing institutions some greater flexibility in what each institution requires of non-transfer students. Arterburn emphasized that it is important CAS faculty advocate to WU administration that the 6 available “institution-choice” credits included in KBOR plan be CAS courses. Humanities and natural sciences are most impacted by the proposed plan so Arterburn is hopeful those 6 hours will be dedicated to these areas both to help these departments and demonstrate WU values scientific literacy and the humanities. Encouraged faculty to go to sessions being held by AVPAA later in November.

VI. Announcements

- a. Call for Participants in Spring 2023 CAS Faculty Colloquium on topic “Health & Healing” due Dec. 5

