

CLA Senate Agenda  
December 7, 2020

**1. Approval of Agenda**

- Unanimously approved

**2. Approval of Minutes**

- Unanimously approved

**3. Dean's report**

- Dean Adams is working to catch up on the business of the college after stepping into the position, especially in regard to relevant Senate conversations about TA guidelines, Shorelight and online teaching, and the restorative justice ad hoc committee. CLA should be central to university restorative justice work; office is talking with Gen Ed committee to see what percentage of courses would fall to CLA and the impact on scheduling and staffing any new required courses would have.
- Budgets will be determined by the end of the semester so departments will hopefully start the spring with a fixed budget.
- Fall enrollments down 5.6%, which is not concerning; winter sessions enrollments up 67%.

**4. Moderator's report**

- Spring Senate schedule will return to regular time slot of 2:30-4pm; Louise has sent out Zoom links for meetings.
- The website to upload tributes for Dean Terkla can be found [here](#).

**5. Old Business**

- **Shorelight:** Moderator and some members of the SEC met with Provost, CLA Dean and Associate Deans, and Garrett Smith to discuss Senate concerns about Shorelight. Provost explained the various iterations of the UMB/Shorelight partnership, which have culminated in the American Collegiate Life program. Provost outlined the payment structures and explained discrepancies in pay via the add-comp process for compensation; clarified scheduling and staffing practices confirming that all credit-bearing UMB courses are either staffed by UMB faculty or non-UMB faculty that have been approved by the chairs of relevant departments; affirmed that all Shorelight courses were developed in close conversation with department chairs and Deans; confirmed that revenue sharing is happening and departments will be presented with a plan by mid-December. The Provost did not address the Senate's larger concerns about the expansion of online teaching, private partnerships, or the Senate concern that programs like Shorelight pit departments against each other. Provost explained that this iteration of the Shorelight partnership will end after the limits imposed on international students by VISA regulations and the COVID-19 pandemic end. There are currently no future initiatives or contract negotiations in the works.

- **Restorative Justice Committee:** Committee has been populated by volunteers. They will begin work in the spring semester and report back to the Senate on action items.

## **6. New Business**

- Academic freedom: Senators needed more time to discuss concerns about academic freedom with departments. Will return to this conversation in February 2021 meeting.

## **7. Proposals from MHSP**

- Removing history at the 400-level requirement for the Music BA
  - Unanimously approved
- Removing GRE requirement for graduate admissions in six psychology/sociology programs
  - Unanimously approved

## **8. Proposals from AAC**

- New Courses: unanimously approved
  - PSYCH 474
- Changes to Existing Courses: unanimously approved as a block
  - JAPAN 201
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  - MLLC340L
  - SPAN432
  - POLISCI 390

## **9. Adjourn**