

Present: Jade Bowman (OCA), Paul Bylsma (ELC), Rita Cooper (CECI Dean's Office), Raymond Higbea (SCLD), Mark Hoffman (CECI Dean's Office), Christopher Kierkus (SCCJLS), Jamie Langlois (SSW), Kelly Lormand (T&L), Mei Mah (CEP), Rui Niu-Cooper (LEFT), Melanie Rabine-Johnson (CECI UAC), and Raul Ysasi (T&L)

1. College Awards

- Jamie summarized the past few years' process and timeline.
- Do we need to make any changes to this year's process/timeline?
 - Clearer communication that explains how we review candidates.
 - Explain the significance of the nominator's narrative on how the candidate excels in each category.
- Jamie will forward the previous year's Google documents and give access to the Qualtrics forms to each member for review.
- The deadline for feedback is February 7 with the finalization of documents at our February 19th meeting.

2. Kids' Food Basket (KFB)

- We discussed possible changes for this year's event.
 - Maybe a competition with another college instead of within our units?
Action Item: Mark will email the other Associate Deans to gauge interest.
 - Create visuals to show progress, i.e., a thermometer.
 - Incorporate a donation component?
 - A donation option might level the playing field for smaller units and/or those without classroom participation.
 - Include a link in the flier to KFB.
 - Include KFB information in the CECI newsletter.
- We discussed the "why" of this event.
 - Everyone can participate with a fun social component (Bag-a-thon).
 - Easy way to contribute to a great cause.
 - The survey responses indicated faculty and staff wanted to continue this tradition.
Action Item: Christopher will meet with Jackie Doyon-Martin as to "why" this organization was originally chosen. Jackie is one of the original organizers of this event.
- Track both decorated bags and donations this year.

3. Global Awareness Collaborative Colloquium (GACC)

- This semester's events will focus on Japan with Naoki Kanaboshi as the keynote.
- Mark has scheduled several events with others being finalized this week or next.
 - February 17 – Keynote Presentation with Dr. Kanaboshi within SCCJLS
 - February 19 – GVSU Orchestra Reception at the Louis Armstrong Theatre on the Allendale Campus

- Japanese Art Exhibit in Building C of DeVos Center
- Frederik Meijer Gardens Field Trip (during the blossoming of the cherry trees)
- No webinars this semester
- What about long-term planning for future GACC events?
 - Mark mentioned being a primary lead once a year but welcomed others to coordinate other GACC events.
 - He suggested keeping these events to a 4–6-week window.
- Mark advocated for Poland to be the next country as this year is the 60th anniversary of GVSU's collaboration with Poland.
 - Christopher will assist Mark with planning.
 - Could include Polaski Days.
 - Larry Warkoczeski is writing a book about his uncle who was a priest during World War II.
 - No international students, but lots of alumni.

4. Book Bridge Project

- Kelly is waiting to hear back from them to learn more.

5. No round table discussions.

6. 11/20/24 and 1/15/25 Minutes will be approved at the next meeting.

Upcoming Meetings:

Wednesday, February 19 – 303C

Wednesday, March 19 – 303C

Wednesday, April 16 – 303C