

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

Absent: Jade Bowman (OCA), Rita Cooper (CECI Dean's Office), and Kelly Lormand (T&L)

1) Motion by Chair to approve meeting minutes from 10/26/24.

- The motion carried unanimously.

2) Report on CECI Give Back Event

- Positive experiences by all who participated. Look into possibly selling Public Thread products in GVSU bookstores.

3) Report on Replenish Food Drive

- Communications have gone out. Concluding events on Giving Tuesday. Chair (Kierkus) will reach out to Unit Heads to provide additional encouragement for donations.

4) Report on CECI Social

- The trivia event was well received/appreciated. Armenian-themed food was served.

5) FWR synergies

- Discussion about the best approach. Perhaps inquire at Fall retreat? Ask people to self-identify areas of scholarships where collaboration would be appreciated.
- Create a "coffee talk" space for interested parties to meet/collaborate.

6) CECI Strategic Planning

- Mark indicated that no additional support is necessary.

7) Book Bridge Project

- Tabled since Kelly was not present.

8) Additional Support for CECI Newsletter

- Tabled since Rita was not present.

9) Report on GACC Event

- The Armenian keynote was not as well attended as previous events. Perhaps work with Padnos or other Colleges to encourage participation? Other avenues of sponsorship? Webinars for Armenian event ongoing.
- Mark will reach out to coordinate with Naoki for Japan event next semester.

- Plan for next year? Orchestra must be contacted/scheduled EARLY!

10) Roundtable

- Melanie raised the issue of creating advising Podcasts.
- Paul suggested Hume Repair Services as a possible venue for the next "Give Back" event.
- Need a replacement for Hannah (Student Undergrad Rep).

Minutes recorded by Chair (Kierkus)

Upcoming Meetings:

Wednesday, January 15 – 302C

Wednesday, February 19 – 303C

Wednesday, March 19 – 303C

Wednesday, April 16 – 303C