

CACC Monthly Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, November 5, 11 a.m.– 12 p.m.
DEV 303C or Zoom: [Embedded Link](#)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://gvsu-edu.zoom.us/j/93412207486?pwd=AJad2DUazwKzqMXSSYPzkkPq5k16ov.1>

Invited: Jade Bowman, Paul Bylsma, Rita Cooper, Raymond Higbea, Mark Hoffman, Jamie Langlois, Kelly Lormand, Mei Mah, Melanie Rabine-Johnson, Rui Niu-Cooper, Courtney Topic, Raul Ysasi

Present:

Absent:

Agenda Items

Approve Draft Minutes ([5/13 Retreat Minutes](#), [8/13 Meeting Minutes](#), [9/17 Meeting Minutes](#))

Replenish Donation Boxes

- We will have one box on each floor starting on Monday, November 3.
- CECI's donations (food only, not monetary) will count together in hopes that we can win an advancement-sponsored donut party
- How can we communicate this? Fliers? Emails? Mentioning during unit meetings?
- *This seems especially prescient at the present moment*

Hat/Glove Drive for Formerly Incarcerated Re-Entering Society

- Request from Jackie Doyon-Martin (CJ) - should / can we promote this? Jackie's comments are below:
- Collection is from November 1 - December 2 in boxes that can be placed next to the Replenish boxes on each floor. New hats and gloves are specifically requested as these present an urgent need. Don't need coats, don't need used goods.
- Returning citizens face many challenges, including barriers in the workplace, housing, healthcare, transportation, etc. Hats and gloves are a basic necessity, especially for those who have limited means returning to "the outside"
- This supports CECI's mission to transform our communities. Participating both further connects CECI to incarcerated communities, including our Bellamy Creek Program students. It also connects these communities to us; participating in a drive such as this demonstrates our willingness to support our fellow returning citizens as they transition home. Now, more than ever, I believe we need to come together as a unified community and celebrate our similarities, rather than focus on our differences. This, little by little, leads to transformation.

Collaboration with Orchestra (November 19 from 7:30–9 p.m.)

- Held in the Louis Armstrong Theater (Allendale)
- Encourage your colleagues to attend the concert in support of Replenish. Come for the Orchestra, bring food donation items for Replenish, and stay for the CECI-sponsored reception to follow!

CECI Quick-Talks (November 20 from 2–3 p.m.)

- Held in DEV 138E
- Each unit is represented!
- Please come, and encourage your colleagues to come support their departments

CECI Social (November 20 from 3–5 p.m.)

- Held in the Hager-Lubbers Exhibition Hall (DEV105E)
- Last year we had a Quiz Bowl game that was leftover from a GACC event. Do we want to sponsor some kind of “filler” activity for folks? This could be a bingo game, trivia game, having puzzles out, coloring sheets, building blocks, etc.

CECI College Awards - [Full List Available Here](#)

- When should we start thinking about these awards? Do we want to notify our units as soon as possible, or wait until early in the WN26 term?

Entrance Display Case

- Currently showcasing photos from our Blandford Give-Back event
- Ideas from last meeting included: Honors Societies, Student Organizations, Promoting College Events, Internship Placements on a Map, Wellness and Vibrancy Events. Perhaps student-centered deadlines, such as FAFSA deadlines, exam study events, drop/add deadlines?
- Conversation about how to balance attention to students with attention to faculty, staff, and community engagement.

Reporting back to units:

- 1) Submit to CECI Connections! Consider different celebrations: fun campus events (e.g., Wellness and Vibrancy), presentations, publications, student research projects, notable internships, awards, etc.
- 2) Donate to the Replenish Food Drive boxes this month. It's maybe more important now than ever.
- 3) Donate to the hat/glove drive to support returning members of society
- 4) Attend the CECI/Orchestra collaboration that benefits Replenish. Held on Wednesday, November 19 from 7:30–9 p.m. in the Louis Armstrong Theater (Allendale)
- 5) Attend the inaugural CECI Quick-Talks on Thursday, November 20 from 1-2 p.m. in DEV 138E
- 6) Attend the CECI Social on Thursday, November 20 from 3–5 p.m. in the Hager-Lubbers Exhibition Hall (DEV105E)
- 7) Start thinking about College Awards. List of awards and nomination information available through [this embedded link](#)