

**Present:** Jade Bowman (OCA), Paul Bylsma (ELC), Hannah Chiu (SSW Undergraduate Representative), 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), and Melanie Rabine-Johnson (CECI UAC)

**Absent:** Rui Niu-Cooper (LEFT)

1. Christopher welcomed everyone, new and returning members.
2. Introductions were made giving your name, pronouns, unit, and talking point.
3. A motion was made to approve the 6/4/24 Retreat minutes. The motion was seconded and was unanimously approved.
4. Summer Concert Series (CECI Palooza)
  - Mark shared his thoughts on the series.
5. Retreat Action Item: FWR Process Across Units
  - Mark will review Faculty Workload Reports (FWR) for connections across the units for opportunities for collaboration.

**Action Item: Mark will report on FWR findings.**
6. Retreat Action Item: CECI Newsletter with Rafael's Departure
  - Rita will manage the Dean's Office communications (newsletter and social platforms) while the Dean's Office hires another office assistant.
  - Reporting process stays the same.
7. CECI Give Back Event – October 4
  - Patty Janes, past CACC member, gave an update on two possibilities for our next service event.
    - Westown Commons Park (located on the westside and a few blocks from downtown campus) – beautification opportunities.

**Action Item: Christopher will do some reconnaissance of Westown and share the photos with the committee.**

    - GRPS Project – painting projects.
  - Patty will get back to us on both projects.
  - A spring event is also a possibility.
8. University Awards
  - Jamie shared her university awards emails from last year with Christopher. He will send them out this year.

- Mohammed Lefrid from SCLD also sent award information to some CECI faculty. Jamie asked Christopher to verify his deadline dates with Shawn Evans in the Dean's Office.
9. Global Awareness Collaborative Colloquium (GACC) - [website](#)
- Fall's GACC will focus on Armenia with Sherie Klee (T&L) as the faculty member.
  - Currently planned – Keynote on October 7 at noon in the University Club and Grand Valley Orchestra/Reception on October 16 at 7:30 p.m. in Louis Armstrong Theatre, Allendale Campus.
  - No GVSU partner or students, so this will be scaled back from previous GACCs.
  - Discussed webinar topics.
  - Sherie suggested possible programming in Detroit due to the large Armenian population.
10. Giving Tuesday Food Drive
- Nothing to report at this time.
11. Other Business.
- CACC and Strategic Planning
    - Mark would like two from each college committee and each unit to serve on the planning committee.
    - For more information: [Strategic Planning Webpage](#)
  - Faculty Governance/CACC Overlap
    - Tabled for another meeting.

#### **Upcoming Meetings – 1:00-2:00 PM**

Wednesday, September 19 – 302C – Topic: CECI Give Back Event  
 Wednesday, October 16 – 303C  
 Wednesday, November 20 – 303C  
 Wednesday, December 11 – 303C  
 Wednesday, January 15 – 302C  
 Wednesday, February 19 – 303C  
 Wednesday, March 19 – 303C  
 Wednesday, April 16 – 303C