

**CACC Summer Retreat Agenda**  
**Thursday, May14, 10 a.m.– 2 p.m.**  
**Seidman 4002 (DeVos Board Room) or Teams Meeting (Monthly Meetings Channel)**

**Invited:** Zohra Asad, Paul Bylsma, Rita Cooper, Christopher French, Bill Herbst, Raymond Higbea, Mark Hoffman, Kelly Lormand, Mei Mah, Rui Niu-Cooper, Shelly Page, Melanie Rabine-Johnson, Simon Reeves, Courtney Topic, Raul Ysasi

**Tentative:**

**Present:**

**Absent:** Mei Mah, Rui Niu-Cooper, Raul Ysasi

**Teams:**

- 1) **Introductions:** Name, unit, years at GVSU, “best” place to get ice cream in the area
- 2) **Reflecting on 2025-2026 Activities**  
Consider CACC’s official charge from CECI (embedded link). Please rank in order of “best” to “least best” these events’ efficacy toward meeting our charge. Have a reason why you ranked them the way you ranked them. We will consider this individually at first and then share out as a group.
  - a. Kickoff meeting (August)
  - b. CECI give-back (September)
  - c. Replenish food drive and concert (November)
  - d. KFB bags competition and coloring events (February)
  - e. College awards (March)
  - f. Winter meeting (April)
- 3) **Establishing Days and Time for FA26 meetings**
- 4) **Fall Kickoff Meeting Responsibilities**
  - a. Monday, August 24, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., SCB1008
  - b. Last year: Host Icebreaker, Introduce Fall Give-Back Event
  - c. This year: Icebreaker, Give-Back, University Awards(?)
- 5) **Fall Give-Back Event**
  - a. Cemetery (2022) – Fishing Line Tubes (2023) – Public Thread (2024) – Blandford (2025)
  - b. Typically host about 30-50 people. Work that gets people outside and working together tends to be the most desirable.
  - c. Storehouse was an option, but they prefer smaller groups and are harder to get in touch with. Other options include: Blandford, John Ball Zoo, Public Museum, Home Repair Services of Kent County, AYA Youth Collective, Ronald McDonald House, Kids Food Basket Farm, GR Parks and Rec, various neighborhood organizations, asking partners for advice (Quincy Williams and SLAM, Patty Janes and Michigan Cares for Tourism, Experiential Learning / Groundswell)
- 6) **Partnering with University Communications (i.e., Bill Herbst)**
  - a. Are there specific goals people have?

7) **Preparing CECI for the University Awards Process**

- a. Subcommittee idea: hosting a workshop
- b. Getting information out to units ASAP

8) **Establishing Subcommittees for Work Outside of Meetings**

- a. Give-Back Event Planning (3 people + co-chair)
- b. University Awards Portfolio Workshop (2 people + co-chair)
- c. Tabling/Networking Event for Student Orgs (2 people + co-chair)
- d. Replenish Food Drive and Orchestra Concert Planning (2 people + co-chair)
- e. Coordinating with SCB about KFB Bags Competition (1 person + co-chair)
- f. Coordinating Rhett the Dinosaur “Flat Stanley” Operation (1 person + co-chair)

9) DEV Entrance Display

10) Winter Year-End Meeting

- a. When to schedule it?