



Committee for the Assessment of General Education (CAGE)

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 8th, 2025 • 3:00pm – 4:00pm • 456B SU Pioneer Room

Present: M. Bayles, M. Rabens, J. Weathers, W. Shepard, K. Hunger, E. Lutter

Absent:

Guests: S. Charron

Call to Order: Call to Order at 3:00 pm

Approval of Minutes: Motion by J. Weathers / Seconded by M. Rabens

Updates

- I. Introduction of new CAS representative- Dr. Erika Lutter, Associate Professor and Interim Department Head, Department of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics.
- II. M Bayles asks the committee to pay close attention to the schedule of upcoming CAGE meetings.
 - a. November 12th- IN PERSON
 - b. December 10th- IN PERSON
- III. In-person confirmation of Dr. Melanie Bayles as CAGE Chair for 2025-2026 academic year and renewed 3-year term for Dr. Michael Rabens as CAGE CEAT representative. All approved.
- IV. K. Hunger provides updates as pertaining to UAT; work on analysis of artifact review data is still underway, as is the goal for POA completion. Section II of the Regents' report that was approved BY CAGE members earlier this year and includes civic learning and diversity will be added to this year's report and will again need to be approved by CAGE and later, AAIC.

Discussion

- I. Ethical Reasoning and Professionalism Rubrics
 - a. W. Shepard suggests that Dr. Stephanie Miller of Honors College be asked to review the rubrics as well and provide any feedback by the middle of next week, also giving CAGE members time to add any additional thoughts and contributions. Votes to approve rubrics will happen at this time through email correspondence.
 - b. E. Lutter asks for clarification in the event that assignment prompts cannot measure certain topics. M. Bayles states it is appropriate to make a note or leave it blank, rather than try to estimate.
 - Dr. Lutter also suggests we look at undergraduate research resources such as Niblack and Wentz for supervisors to be able to assist in evaluations and increase our pool for recruitment.
 - c. M. Bayles suggests we facilitate artifact collection time for professionalism in the summer, due to internships and summer grants for research.
- II. Upcoming Discussion
 - a. M. Bayles explains that our mass recruitment email will continue to go out to new faculty, as is our usual protocol.
 - b. J. Weathers states that SSB has decided to archive written communication, and it is decided among CAGE members to temporarily archive critical thinking as well. UAT will notify Ryan and discuss whether there are any other trends to focus on instead. This will be a topic to discuss at our next in-person meeting.

- c. M. Bayles suggests that using a 4-year cycle and separating Professionalism and Ethics might make recruitment easier, especially if professionalism is facilitated during Program Outcomes Assessment for UAT.

College Updates

- I. J. Weathers states that SSB is currently reorganizing assessment; Teresa Lightner will be stepping down from department head to faculty.
- II. E. Lutter states that CAS is experiencing turnover and reorganization of faculty.

Motion to Adjourn: 3:55 pm; Motion by M. Bayles/ Moved by J. Weathers/ Seconded by E. Lutter and approved unanimously.