

**Liberal Arts & Sciences Senate**  
**Minutes of March 9, 2022**

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**Background:** Facing the prospect of insufficient representation, the Liberal Arts & Sciences Senate decided, at the close of Fall 2021, that if the representation failed to grow to at least 50% of the LA & S Departments, then, for the Spring 2022, the Senate would not elect officers and would meet on an “on-call” basis only. At the commencement of 2022, and after two Dean’s requests to Department Chairs, the representation on the Senate remained as it was in the Fall: 7 Senators only.

The Senate proceeded to meet on an “on-call” basis. It had its first (virtual) meeting on Wednesday, March 9.

**Attending:** Jessica Crowell (Digital Media and Journalism); Anna Gjika (Sociology); Eugene Heath (Philosophy); Elizabeth Hirshorn (Psychology); Jed Mayer (English); Heather Morrison (History); Jonathan Schwartz (Political Science).

**Business:**

1. The meeting began at 4:01 p.m.
2. The Senators agreed to specify, via email, a set of Wednesday afternoons on which, for the rest of the semester, they could meet, if necessary.
3. The Senators agreed, unanimously, that the full LA & S faculty meeting would be held virtually on Tuesday, May 3, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
4. The Senators agreed, unanimously, to the Dean’s request that for the Fall of 2022, the Senate would forego reviews of program changes related to the revision of GE 5. Such changes will be reviewed and consider by the Dean’s Office.
5. The Senate discussed the revision to the major within the Department of Digital Media and Journalism: the *current* major is “Media Management”; the proposed revision is for a major called “Media Studies.” After a brief presentation by Jessica Crowell, there was some discussion, followed by the introduction of a guest, Professor Lisa Phillips (Chair, Digital Media and Journalism) who responded to questions. At the close of the meeting the revision was passed unanimously.
6. The meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.