Committee on Academic Policy
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 19th, 2022, 3:00 pm
Meeting #19 AY2021-2022
Meeting held via Zoom

Attendees: O. Pavlov (Chair; SSPS), B. Calli (Secretary; Robotics), A. Hall-Phillips (Business),
B. Servatius (Math), J. deWinter (Humanities), A. C. Heinricher (Provost's Office), S. Zhou
(Chemical Engineering), S. Levitan '24 (Student Representative), R. Gyurcsan '24 (Student
Representative)

1. The meeting started at 3:02pm
2. Meeting minutes for Meeting #18 of AY2021-2022 were reviewed and approved with
   minor revisions.
3. CAP has started a repository of academic policies. Old and new CAP motions will be
   collected and organized in Canvas. The policy collection will then be transferred to a
   website that can be accessed by the WPI community. This project will continue during
   the next academic year.
4. CAP discussed eProjects 2.0 website:
   a. A CAP representative on the eProjects advisory board, Professor Servatius, met
      with the eProject 2.0 team. She communicated to the eProjects team that CAP
      recommends that students should be able to propose their own projects. Currently,
      projects must be initiated in eProjects by the faculty. CAP believes this situation
      is not in-line with the intention of the academic policy as described on page 17 of
      the current undergraduate catalog that says that projects are initiated by students,
      faculty and companies. Before eProjects 2.0, students were able to initiate
      projects.
   b. Student representatives to CAP also think that it should be possible for students to
      propose their own project. They will collect more feedback from students on this
      topic.
5. CAP deliberated whether an oversight of course workload is needed. The course
   workload data are collected by the office of undergraduate studies. The data indicate that
   some courses consistently require greater workload than typically expected per course at
   WPI. Some departments are already thinking about this topic. It was suggested that a
   possible reason why some courses require a great deal of studying is that students sign up
   for courses that they are not ready for.
6. The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Berk Calli
D-term Secretary