

Committee on Academic Policy

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 27th, 2021, 2:00 pm

Meeting #6 AY2021-2022

Meeting held at Fuller Labs Becket Conference Room (FL246)

Attendees: O. Pavlov (Chair), B. Calli, J. deWinter, A. C. Heinricher, B. Servatius, S. Zhou, Sam Levitan '24, S. Miles (Registrar)

1. Meeting started at 02:02 pm.
2. Minutes from Meeting #5 on 10-07-2021 approved to be distributed to the faculty.
3. CAP discussed the issues related to the design of the eProjects 2.0 system (<https://eprojects.wpi.edu>). The aspects that make it harder for the faculty to implement the current academic policies were identified:
  - a. Students cannot create their own projects in the e-projects website. CAP thinks that the option for students to propose their own projects is an essential element of IQPs and MQPs .
  - b. The eProjects system does not implement the policy required by faculty when students register for a 4/3 unite MQP designed to meet the requirements of a double major.
  - c. The same project may appear multiple times in a faculty's dashboard when students register for the project and enter slightly different titles.
  - d. Administrative work related to projects has increased for the faculty in eProjects 2.0. CAP will continue to monitor the situation.
4. eProjects system is completely under WPI control, and we can shape it according to the WPI needs. CAP thinks that a roadmap should be put into place to fix academic policy gaps in eProjects 2.0.
  - a. There does not seem to be a dedicated mechanism for the faculty to report the issues on the e-projects website. CAP believes that utilizing the help-desk ticketing system is not suitable to address the e-projects website problems.
5. Brigitte Servatius will represent CAP on the eProjects Advisory Committee as the eProjects team resolves policy discrepancies in eProjects. CAP also recognizes that the Workday system has several design elements that are not in-line with the current academic policies and practices. For example, the student GPA is displayed on the student profile page. These issues are hard to fix as such features are controlled by the Workday developers.
6. CAP also identified that there is no central hub for the current academic policies in-place. CAP decided to take action to collect the necessary information and form such a hub.
7. Meeting adjourned at 2:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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B-term Secretary