

## **Committee on Academic Policy (CAP): Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, 17 November 2022, 2:00 pm

Meeting #8 AY2022-2023

Meeting held via Hybrid

Attendees: B. Calli (RBE), F. Levey (MME), J. Dudle (CEE, EDC representative), R. Gyurcsan '24 (Student representative), O. Pavlov (SSPS), B. Servatius (MA, CAP chair, CITP representative), S. Wodin-Schwartz (MME), A. Gericke (Dean of Undergraduate Studies), S. Miles (Registrar), A. Palumbo (Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management & Dean of Admissions & Financial Aid), J. Cluett (Director of Admissions)

Not In Attendance: S. Levitan '24 (Student representative)

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:01 pm.
2. The minutes of meeting #7 were approved.
3. A. Palumbo and J. Cluett presented information related to WPI's current test blind admissions policy. WPI's test optional admissions policy was adopted in 2007 and was changed to a test blind policy during COVID. They stated that, prior to test blind admissions, standardized test scores (SAT/ACT) had a minimal impact on the admissions decision process at WPI. They stated that the switch to test blind did not significantly impact their admissions process. They highlighted that they are looking for a type of student that the test scores cannot necessarily identify. They look for students who want to learn about science and technology in a societal context and students who work well in teams. They want students to be holistically successful, not only successful in a single course at WPI. CAP discussed that we likely need to wait several years for the COVID effect to be decoupled from any data collected relative to the general student body since the change to test blind to determine any overall impacts of the policy change.
4. There was a discussion about the financial aid policy related to a student's last day in class related to instances when the student NR's all courses.
5. The meeting adjourned at 3:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah Wodin-Schwartz  
B-term Secretary