

Committee on Academic Policy (CAP): Meeting Minutes

Monday, 19 September 2022, 1:00 pm

Meeting #3 AY2022-2023

Meeting held via Zoom

Attendees: B. Calli (RBE), J. Dudle (CEE, EDC representative), A. Gericke (Interim Dean of Undergraduate Studies), F. Levey (MME), S. Levitan '24 (Student representative), S. Miles (Registrar), B. Servatius (MA, CAP chair, CITP representative), S. Wodin-Schwartz (MME), guests: S. Stanlick (GPS director) and R. Krueger (SSPS Department Head).

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:01 pm.
2. The minutes of meeting #2 were approved.
3. S. Stanlick briefed CAP about the Great Problems Seminar (GPS) and fielded questions about the program. Her presentation is included as a separate attachment together with these minutes. Additional contextual information follows: Most GPS classes have 40-50 students that work in project teams of 4-6. Each class is co-taught by two faculty members from different departments (e.g. Biology & History), and has PLA support. The program is currently at capacity for the faculty. Increased partnerships across campus would allow for greater participation by First Year students. The program is looking for more Engineering faculty to co-teach classes. In order to offer Projects for All, additional resources would be needed, i.e. faculty lines and room capacity. Some Physics lab classes have become more GPS-ish with a robustly project-focused approach. Academic advising would be helpful in addressing misunderstandings about whether GPS "counts" towards a student's major.
4. R. Krueger briefed CAP about the rationale behind a motion approved by SSPS on 9/1/2022 to change the title of the International Development, Environment, and Sustainability Program to the Program in Technology, Policy, and Sustainability. The full motion was sent to CAP for review directly after the meeting. SSPS would like the go-ahead to take the motion to CAO.
5. CAP continued discussion of agenda items. A. Gold (Gordon Library) will be invited to give a presentation about discussions on retroactive name changes for archived projects. The first item on the CAP agenda for meeting #4 will be grappling with using Units vs Credits for degree requirements. Students sometimes get confused by the current system which can lead to issues with fulfilling graduation requirements. This is compounded by Workday being unable to count fractions. There was a work-around for this in Banner; there is no work-around in Workday.
6. The meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Fiona Levey
A-term Secretary