

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

Monday, 26 September 2022, 1:00 pm

Meeting #4 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), O. Pavlov (SSPS), B. Servatius (MA, CAP chair, CITP representative), S. Wodin-Schwartz (MME).

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:03 pm.
2. The minutes of meeting #3 were approved.
3. A. Gold will brief CAP on October 10<sup>th</sup> about the retroactive name change policy for archived projects.
4. CAP will decide next steps on evaluating test blind admissions after evaluating data for the class of 2026 and CAP and CAO have had a joint discussion.
5. CAP had a lengthy discussion about the pros and cons of using credits vs units for assessing the fulfilment of degree requirements. Many issues arise due to conversions between the two systems. Workday requires the use of credits, and needs whole numbers, so fractions of units, especially 1/6 or 1/12 creates conversion issues. However, CAP believes that pedagogy should not be dictated by Workday. Regarding pros and cons, on the one hand using units distinguishes our term system from a semester system: one unit is one term's worth of credit; students need 15 units to graduate, so it is clear that there is one term's worth of wiggle room in the schedule. On the other hand, apart from Workday issues, converting between units and credits can be confusing for incoming and outgoing transfer students, as well as for WPI students who are converting credit between undergraduate and graduate courses. The discussion was tabled for CAP's next meeting on October 10<sup>th</sup> so that S. Miles can provide input and clarify some issues.
6. A. Gericke will keep CAP in the loop about IT's progress with implementing changes in eprojects related to the registration of student-initiated MQP's and IQP's.
7. The meeting adjourned at 2:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Fiona Levey

A-term Secretary