

COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC POLICY
Minutes of Meeting of March 31, 2017

Present: M. Humi (Chair), S. Boecker; J. Doyle; J. Hanlan; A. Heinricher

The minutes of the meetings of March 3 and March 25 were approved.

CAP began a discussion of what WPI can learn about online course offerings from WPI's collaboration with SNHU, based on the discussion at our previous meeting. Discussion focused on course quality and policies regarding online courses. Prof. Doyle noted that the SS&PS Department accepts online transfer credit from other universities, however this acceptance is contingent upon a careful investigation into the nature of course delivery in each instance. Prof. Heinricher noted that some academic departments at WPI do not give transfer credit for online courses, but as far as he knows this is not a WPI-wide policy. Other universities (Vanderbilt was cited) accept online credits but require submission, and evaluation by Vanderbilt, of the course syllabus and graded examinations.

Prof. Heinricher asked that CAP survey department heads to ascertain the policy of WPI academic departments in granting transfer credit for online courses. It was agreed that Chair Humi would draft a letter on this matter to department heads.

At this point, one member needed to leave due to a prior commitment. Having lost its quorum, CAP adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

James Hanlan, CAP Secretary