

Committee on Advising and Student Life

Meeting #2 (2017-18) 9-10am

Kaven Hall 101

In Attendance: Maggie Becker, Philip Clay, Huong Higgins, Nima Rahbar (Chair), Paul Reilly, Tricia Stapleton, Kris Wobbe

Absent: Mohamed Eltabakh, Kristy Giacomani, Yao Long, Jennifer McWeeny, Cagdas Onal, Graduate Rep

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:12am.
2. For the meeting's agenda, the Committee followed up on topics introduced during the previous meeting – correct registration for double major MQPs, information about tutoring services, and academic advising.
3. The Committee agreed that, in addition to being noted in CASL's minutes, an email should be sent to the faculty reminding them that advisors of double major MQPs should ensure that those majors are appropriately registered for the MQP and that both advisors are aware the student is completing a double major MQP.
4. Paul Reilly followed up on the previous meeting's discussion about tutoring services, and the Committee discussed how to share that information with the faculty when it is available.
5. The Committee received and reviewed copies of the Task Force on Academic Advising's findings and recommendations, and discussed the data on academic advising in the context of results from WPI's peer institutions, as well as relative to other areas of student satisfaction. The Committee discussed the role of CASL in identifying recommendations that would fall under the Committee's purview for which resources could be developed. Those in attendance agreed that Committee members should take time to read the report and its recommendations closely in order to identify points of interest for CASL and ways to approach those recommendations for discussion at the next meeting.
6. Dean Wobbe reiterated that she would encourage department heads at the next department heads meeting to look into creating "advising modules" and other "e-resources" to be shared through Canvas for students.

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia Stapleton