

CAO Meeting Minutes #9 2016-2017 (not sure if emailed)

Committee on Academic Operations

Meeting Minutes

9th CAO Meeting of 2016-2017

Monday November 08, 2016 3PM in SL225

Chair: Germano Iannacchione (PH)

In Attendance: George Heineman (CS), V. J. Manzo (HUA), Kristin McAdams (Administrator of Academic Programs), Sarah Miles (Registrar), Paul Reilly (Academic Advising), Kris Wobbe (Associate Dean of Undergraduate Studies), Amy Zeng (FSB)

Student Representatives: Colette Pellegrini de Paur, Harrison Burack

1. 10-minute visit by Hossein Hakim to discuss 2015 meeting with Provost regarding ISPs. This topic is already on the agenda for other faculty committees. Hakim asked that:

- a. CAO be aware that the Provost had restricted his ability to run ISPs
- a. CAO to respond in timely fashion (and with better communication) to faculty requests
- b. CAO to reaffirm ability for faculty to innovate with ISPs

Discussion followed. Past history of Hakim's ISPs date back to 2011 request to CAO for experimental course; feedback returned to Hakim was not acted upon and ISPs continued but the real issue appears that students received Social Science credit.

A motion from CAP for the November 17th meeting is also relevant to this issue ("Independent studies that are not substitutes for an existing WPI course and are offered more than twice by the same instructor require approval...")

Not all ISPs should automatically become courses, for example those that exist to support a specific IQP or MQP.

2. Approved (pending minor updates) motion from IGSD to add experimental course ENV 300x. Field Course in European Urban Development and Sustainability.

3. Approved MA motion to change course title/description of MA 2631. Probability Theory.

4. Returned MA Experimental motion MA 180X back to originator.

5. Approved petition from student to receive a minor in Chemical Engineering

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM

Submitted by George Heineman (Secretary B term)