

Committee on Academic Policy (CAP): Meeting Minutes

January 23, 2023, 2:00 pm

Meeting #11 AY2022-2023

Meeting held via Hybrid

Attendees: B. Calli (RBE), J. Dudle (CEE, EDC representative), F. Levey (MME), S. Levitan '24 (Student representative), S. Miles (Registrar), O. Pavlov (SSPS), B. Servatius (MA, CAP chair, CITP representative), S. Wodin-Schwartz (MME),
Not In Attendance: A. Gericke (Dean of Undergraduate Studies), R. Gyurcsan '24 (Student representative),

- (1) The meeting was called to order at 2:03 pm
- (2) Minutes from meeting #10 were approved with minor changes.
- (3) The subcommittee tasked with developing an assessment plan for evaluating the test blind admissions policy provided an update to CAP. The subcommittee is awaiting data from admissions, academic advising, and possibly GPS courses, and will report to CAP at a later date.
- (4) CAP discussed a proposal from the Library regarding changes in reports related to privacy/confidentiality.

B. Calli presented a re-cap of the policy rationale. It was noted that the library currently allows metadata changes of library entries. With regard to undergraduate student report changes, currently the advisor can submit a correcting addendum to accompany a project document; and can replace a report with a redacted version based on confidentiality or intellectual property concerns. For graduate student reports, these same policies are generally followed though not explicitly stated.

The proposed policy would allow changes based on privacy/confidentiality (for example, name changes) initiated by the author. Some other universities and publishing companies have stated policies allowing some changes based on privacy/confidentiality.

CAP noted that the proposed policy refers to privacy/confidentiality (not strictly to name changes). Several questions were raised, specifically:

- CAP would like clarification on what changes might qualify per this proposed policy as being related to privacy and/or confidentiality
- The proposed policy notes that changes could be initiated by "...others with an interest in protecting privacy...". CAP noted that this could invite changes initiated by a broad group of persons not affiliated with WPI, which may be problematic or undesirable.
- The proposed policy states that "...these requests will receive confidential review". CAP would like clarification on the purpose of the review and who conducts the review. In discussions, it was noted that name changes would not require justification, therefore the purpose of the review is not clear for that case.

- (5) The meeting adjourned at 2:56 pm.

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