

Committee on Academic Policy (CAP): Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, 5 September 2023, 2:00 pm

Meeting #2 AY2023-2024

Meeting held via Hybrid

Attendees: B. Calli (RBE, CAP chair), F. Levey (MME), B. Servatius (MA, CIP representative), S. Wodin-Schwartz (MME), S. Miles (Registrar), A. Gericke (Dean of Undergraduate Studies, ad interim), Destin Heilman (CH)

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 2:04 pm.
- 2) The meeting minutes from the previous meeting were approved.
- 3) CAP reviewed the draft of the sub-committee report on data for evaluating the test-blind admissions policy. There was a discussion on if it is possible to isolate individual effects due to COVID impacts, the mental health crisis, external factors impacting admissions, and grade inflation. While there are many sources of data that can be analyzed, it was unclear if there would be a way to make an informed decision about test blind enrollment based on currently available data. Data will still be collected so that the policy can be reviewed as best as possible in AY 25/26. We may be able to review demographic data and other data as metrics to assess the policy within the best possible context of the educational landscape of the United States. There was also a discussion about decisions being made based on principles.
- 4) CAP agreed to generate questions for institutional research to collect more data related to the test blind policy. This may include data related to high school and middle school trends as related to COVID.
- 5) The meeting was adjourned at 3:01 pm.