Committee on Academic Policy (CAP): Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, 12 September 2023, 2:00 pm

Meeting #3 AY2023-2024

Meeting held via Hybrid

Attendees: B. Calli (RBE, CAP chair), F. Levey (MME), B. Servatius (MA, CITP representative), S. Wodin-Schwartz (MME), S. Miles (Registrar), A. Gericke (Dean of Undergraduate Studies, ad interim), D. Heilman (CBC, UOAC Representative), J. Dudle (CEAE, EDC Representative), S. Levitan ’24 (Student representative)

1) The meeting was called to order at 2:02 pm.
2) The new 23/24 undergraduate catalog was discussed. The two sections related to degree requirements and credit units were discussed to remove redundancy. It was agreed to publish the catalog as is for this year, and then make further changes to reduce redundancy in the next academic year.
3) The meeting minutes from the previous meeting were approved.
4) Nicholas Blank was invited to the CAP meeting for next week to discuss the new catalog.
5) Potential activities for the upcoming year were discussed for the coming year
   A. Continuing review of the test blind policy
   B. Bylaws for CAP review
   C. Issues related to grades
      i. Grade inflation
      ii. Dean’s list requirements
      iii. Grade appeals process
   D. ChatGPT for college admissions and in-class use
   E. List of majors that are not allowed to double major
6) A question was added to the survey going out to the first-year class to gather data related to the impacts of the test blind policy on their application to WPI.
7) The report written by the test blind sub committee was discussed by CAP. Final feedback will be given from CAP before sending to the faculty.
8) The meeting was adjourned at 2:54 pm.