

Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Undergraduate Outcomes Assessment Committee (UOAC) Meeting #3 Minutes
Date: Friday, October 13, 2023
Location: ZOOM meeting

Present: Doug Petkie (Chair, PH), Andrea Arnold (MA), Courtney Kurlanska (DIGS), Destin Heilman (CAP, CBC), Chrys Demetry (MCTL), Kent Rissmiller (Provost's Office – Global School), Melissa Leahy (Office of Strategic Initiatives)

1. Chair D. Petkie called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.
2. D. Petkie announced that our new student representative, Teodor Hellgren, will join us for meetings starting in B-Term.
3. The committee agreed on a regular meeting time for B-Term.
4. The committee approved the minutes from our meetings on September 15 and September 29, 2023, with minor edits, as well as the AY 22-23 annual report.
5. The committee reviewed the Assessment Plan for Undergraduate Learning Outcomes, noting several areas that stood out for further discussion. Several members suggested potential strategies to better connect institutional and program learning outcomes with the courses being offered in the curriculum. The committee aims to help inspire and promote a campus-wide embrace of learning outcomes as a regular part of course syllabi and objectives, not as planning mechanisms to guide faculty but as tools to support student learning. The committee discussed how student “time on task” expectations have shifted post-pandemic, noting that CAP plans to discuss this at future meetings.
6. The committee will continue assessment plan discussions in B-Term, focusing on learning outcomes involving ethics, global and cultural competency, and writing and communication.
7. The meeting adjourned at 10:04 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Arnold, A-Term Secretary