

Committee on Academic Policy (CAP): Meeting Minutes

Monday, 27 November 2023, 9:00am

Meeting #11 AY2023-2024

Meeting held remotely

Attendees: B. Calli (RBE, CAP chair,), F. Levey (MME), B. Servatius (MA, CITP representative), S. Wodin-Schwartz (MME), A. Gericke (Dean of Undergraduate Studies, ad interim), D. Heilman (CBC, UOAC Representative), S. Levitan '24 (Student representative), J. Dudle (CEAE, EDC Representative), Connor Chartier '25 (Student representative), S. Miles (Registrar).

1. Meeting was called to order at 9:03am
2. Minutes of the 20 November meeting were reviewed and approved.
3. Dean Gericke shared that the online catalog page header has been edited to show the academic year on every page of the catalog.
4. A brief discussion took place on strategies to remove outdated materials from WPI web pages and other sites if possible.
5. Discussion of the test blind policy was revisited. CAP will contact Institutional Research to discuss what specific, meaningful data can be collected (including the recent Enrolled Student Survey results) in analyzing the test blind policy. CAP will add these data to data already on hand towards preparing a presentation to the Faculty (i.e. the mid-point update).
6. CAP members were chosen to fill open seats on the test blind policy sub-committee.
7. Discussion of grading practices continued. Strategies were discussed in how to move forward with presenting data and options to the Faculty to frame/address changes in grade distribution. Dean Gericke will share data collected and analyzed from Undergraduate Studies for detailed review by CAP towards preparing this presentation.
8. The discussion turned to whether to include academic flexibility discussions with the grading policy presentation. The committee decided to keep grading practice discussions and academic flexibility guidelines discussions separate. The Committee appraised the current state of course flexibility and changes that have occurred in both Faculty and student behaviors. CAP will continue this discussion towards determining how best to solicit feedback from the greater Faculty body in formulating recommendations regarding academic flexibility.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 9:57am