Committee on Academic Policy (CAP): Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 30, 2024
Meeting #14 AY2023-2024

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

1. Meeting was called to order at 2:05 pm.
2. A. Hall-Phillips and D. Strong (hereafter referred to as SoB) presented the motion to change the degree title and distribution requirements for Management Information Systems (MIS); the new degree title would be Information Systems Technology (ISTech). The MIS program has not been updated in many years, and "MIS" is an older title which is not well understood by prospective students. ISTech is similar to the FinTech program title. A discussion ensued. CAP asked if the name sounded detached from the Business School; SoB noted that it does not include "computer" or "science" in the title. CAP asked how other programs named their programs; SoB noted that many still use MIS. CAP noted that a search for the proposed STEM CIP code showed some schools with "Business Information Technology" programs. SoB noted that at the graduate level, WPI has "Information Technology" programs. The SoB faculty prefer including "Systems" in the title for the UG program; and want to drop "Management" from the title because it does not resonate with prospective students and must be dropped to get a STEM CIP code. SoB also stated that alumni state the industry is getting more technical and some companies no longer hire graduates with "management" as part of the title of their degree. SoB also noted that about half of ISTech programs are not in Business schools (some universities have a College of Computing or College of Technology; however, this type of program would not be housed in a CS department). CAP asked if CS supports the name; SoB will consult with CS. It was noted that CS does not have any similarly titled programs.
3. The minutes from meeting #12 were reviewed and approved.
4. The minutes from meeting #13 were reviewed and approved.
5. S. Miles provided an update on eProjects and restrictions that faculty only advertise/advise projects in their appointment areas. First, data errors in Workday are being corrected to associate faculty with departments/programs correctly. After this, eProjects will be updated to allow faculty to advertise projects that match their Workday information. CAP discussed ways to remind faculty that they should be advising in their appointment areas only.
6. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Submitted by C-Term Secretary J. Dudle