

Committee on Academic Policy (CAP): Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 19, 2024
Meeting #18 AY2023-2024

Attendees: B. Calli (RBE, CAP chair), C. Chartier (student representative), J. Dudle (CEAE, EDC Representative), A. Gericke (Dean of Undergraduate Studies, ad interim), D. Heilman (CBC, UOAC Representative), F. Levey (MME), B. Servatius (MA, CIP representative)

1. Meeting was called to order at 11:03 am.
2. Minutes of Meetings #16 and #17 were approved.
3. Agenda items for the remainder of D-term were prioritized:
 - Analyze and discuss responses to faculty survey on flexibility guidelines
 - Analyze and discuss responses to faculty survey on grading policies
 - Discuss data collected for Test-Blind Policy assessment and decide next steps
 - Items related to catalog and registrarAgenda items for next academic year:
 - Grade appeals policy discussion
 - Faculty course reports discussion
 - CAP bylaws need to be revised next year
 - Chat GPT for college admissions
 - Waitlist issues
4. CAP discussed the previous requests made to remove student GPAs from Workday. The offices of A. Gericke and S. Miles have been and will continue to request this through the appropriate university channels.
5. There was a request to add an agenda item for manual calculation of GPA for student transcripts. This was discussed and CAP decided against adding this to the agenda for D-term 2024. We can consider this as an agenda item for AY 24/25.
6. The progress on the Test-Blind data collection was discussed. The subcommittee has collected data from interim reports from Admissions and Institutional Research on data from WPI and national trends. CAP would like to analyze the data collected and present preliminary results to the faculty in early fall. The discussion turned to questions from the broader about trends in Math abilities. National trends are also being analyzed for inclusion in the data. There is also a possibility that outside perception may peg WPI as less selective because of the test-blind policy. By early fall we will have data from a more level playing field regarding admissions in the light of the Supreme court ruling. CAP also has anecdotal data on student viewpoints. CAP would like to gather more student opinions. C. Chartier will garner student input through SGA. CAP will discuss the interim data at our next meeting on April 2nd. (We will not meet on Tuesday 3/26 since it is a wellness day).
7. CAP received 114 responses to the flexibility survey. Initial filtering of the multiple-choice responses is showing some trends. CAP discussed possible ways to present these clearly. B. Calli volunteered to read through the open responses to find trends there too.
8. Meeting adjourned at 2:53 pm

Submitted by D-Term Secretary F. Levey