Committee on Academic Policy (CAP): Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 4, 2024, 2:00pm; Mid-Century Room Meeting #9 AY 2024-2025

Attendees: B. Antupit (student representative), J. Dudle (CEAE, CAP Chair and EDC Representative), N. Farny (BBT, CAP secretary, B term), A. Gericke (Dean of Undergraduate Studies ad interim), D. Heilman (CBC, UOAC representative; via zoom), M. Leatherman (student representative), S. Miles (Registrar), L. Roberts (BBT), S. Wodin-Schwartz (MME), F. Zoutendyk (MME)

Meeting called to order at 2:05 pm.

Minutes from 10/02/24, 10/21/24, and 10/28/24 (meetings 6, 7, and 8) were discussed, edited, and approved.

Dean Gericke introduced edits to the master transfer articulation agreement, which were made in response to prior discussions with CAP. Two edits were made in section 2, which describes the conditions for admission of transfer students to WPI under this agreement. First, section 2.a.iv was added: "All admissions materials (see 2c) have been submitted and satisfy WPI requirements". Second, in section 2.c.iii, the following language was stricken: "The letter of recommendation does not impact the admissions decision or eligibility for any WPI scholarships or need-based financial aid". These edits were discussed. CAP members agreed that these edits addressed their concerns. Dean Gericke stated that any future edits to the master transfer agreement within the admissions policy in section 2, which is most directly under the purview of CAP, will be returned to CAP for review prior to signing with the partner institution.

Dean Gericke addressed the performance of students coming into WPI from current partner institutions. Data such as GPA and NR rates are comparable for transfer students from these agreements as compared to the general WPI undergraduate student population. There is increasing interest from partner institutions in this program.

The committee finalized the motion to end the test blind admissions policy pilot. Additional evidence from the primary literature was added in response to faculty feedback. The motion will be submitted to COG for inclusion on the next faculty meeting agenda.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:53 pm.