

**Minutes of the Committee on Academic Operations (CAO)**  
**Meeting #17 of AY 2020-21**

**Date and Time:** Tuesday, March 30, 2021, 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

**Location:** Virtual meeting via videoconference

**Attendees:** R. Cowlagi (AE), L. Elgert (SSPS), T. Fan (Student Representative), A. Heinricher (Dean of Undergraduate Studies), P. Mathisen (CEE, Chair), S. Miles (Registrar), J. Srinivasan (BBT), and L. Titova (PH).

The meeting was called to order by Prof. Mathisen at 3:03 PM.

**Old Business**

1. The Minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> CAO Meeting of AY 2020-21 were approved.

**New Business**

1. Motion to approve a minor in Arabic was conditionally approved pending some clarification.
2. A motion to drop ENV2400 Environmental Problems and Human behavior and a motion to add a special topic course *ENV/PSY 2500 Special Topics in Environmental and Sustainability Studies* was approved.
3. A motion to make the experimental course *ENV 271X Designing for Climate Resilience* a permanent course *ENV* was approved.
4. A motion to add the experimental course *SOC 200X Race, Religion, Politics, and Violence in the USA* was approved.
5. A motion to cross-list *GOV 2319 Global Environmental Politics* as *GOV/ENV 2319* was approved.
6. A motion to change the distribution requirements from DS4420 to DS4430 was conditionally approved subject to clarification of the date of approval from the Data Science steering committee.
7. A motion to discuss a new experimental course *ES202X Innovation through Making* was tabled pending further discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 3:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jagan Srinivasan