

Committee on Academic Policy

Meeting Minutes

Monday, 02-22-2021, 1:00 – 1:50 pm

Meeting #13

Meeting held over Zoom due COVID 19 restrictions.

In Attendance: J. Duddle (Chair), A. Heinricher (Provost's office), S. Miles (Registrar), A. Hall-Phillips, J. Rulfs, S. Zhou, J. deWinter (Secretary), O. Pavlov, Ryan Candy MA '21, Sam Levitan '24

- Approved Minutes for meeting #12.
- CAP revisited the proposed motion from the Office of Admissions for a test-blind admissions pilot. For context, CAP reviewed the motion from April 12, 2012 to continue the SAT-Optional Admissions policy (FlexPath Option), which included data supporting the FlexPath policy. With regard to the test-blind proposal:
 - CAP noted that there is no need to collect SAT and ACT scores after admissions as this would not be value added.
 - CAP would like to be involved in the design of the study, including what data will be collected, and receive both interim and final reports. CAP also recommends an 8 year pilot to collect two cohorts of 6-year graduation data.
 - CAP noted that financial aid decisions are a confounding variable in admissions.
 - CAP noted that the three implied goals should be clearly stated: increasing the diversity of the applicant pool, admitting high-quality students, and retaining and graduating enrolled students.
 - CAP will draft revisions to be sent to A. Palumbo.
- eProjects 2.0 and workflow: Currently the academic advisor is the person who approves overloads during project registration.
 - The catalog policy states: "A student may not include any portion of qualifying work as part of an overload without the approval of both the academic and project advisors. Written approval will be requested before registration can be completed in such cases."
 - The current policy is not being strictly followed. CAP discussed general approval issues such as whether students can register for MQP and IQP simultaneously with an overload; whether the academic advisor is an appropriate "roadblock", and how the order of registration can affect whether an overload is recognized. A subcommittee is reviewing current policies and will draft a motion (if needed) for CAP review.
- Meeting adjourned at 1:59

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer deWinter