

Committee on Academic Policy

Meeting Minutes

Monday, 03-29-2021

Meeting #18

Meeting held over Zoom due to COVID-19 restrictions.

In Attendance: Jeanine Duple (Chair), Art Heinricher (Provost's office), Adrienne Hall-Phillips, Jill Rulfs, Susan Zhou, Jennifer deWinter, Oleg Pavlov (Secretary), Ryan Candy MA '21, Sam Levitan '24, Sarah Miles (Registrar)

1. Meeting started at 2:03 pm.
2. CAP reviewed and approved with minor revisions minutes for meeting #17 from 3/24/21.
3. CAP continued its discussion of the Motion to Revise Language on Math and Science Requirements in the WPI Undergraduate Catalog. The distribution requirements appear on p. 7 of the catalog for AY2020-21. The motion was approved with revisions and will be submitted for a vote to the faculty.
4. CAP continued its discussion of the overload approval policy and procedures. The current WPI undergraduate catalog mentions overloading in several places. Additionally, WPI's Department of Integrative & Global Studies (DIGS) must approve overloading for students who complete one-term projects (this was formerly conducted through IGSD). Currently, overloading is recorded on a semester basis, so that a student, for example, can overload in A term and underload in B term and not be flagged as overloading. The Registrar's Office monitors overloading for project registrations and sends this information to DIGS. The committee considered whether the policy should refer to project overloading only or to course overloading in general. The committee felt that students should be allowed to overload if they choose to do so. CAP will continue its discussion.
5. Meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Oleg Pavlov