

## Committee on Academic Policy

### Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 5th, 2022, 3:00 pm

Meeting #18 AY2021-2022

Meeting held via Zoom

Attendees: O. Pavlov (Chair; SSPS), B. Calli (Secretary; Robotics), A. Hall-Phillips (Business), B. Servatius (Math), J. deWinter (Humanities), A. C. Heinricher (Provost's Office), S. Zhou (Chemical Engineering), S. Levitan '24 (Student Representative), R. Gyurcsan '24 (Student Representative), S. Miles (Registrar)

1. Meeting started at 3.00pm
2. Meeting minutes for Meeting #17 of AY2021-2022 were reviewed and approved with minor revisions.
3. CAP is notified that the "Motion to rename the WPI 'Physical Education Graduation Requirement' be renamed the 'Wellness and Physical Education Graduation Requirement'", which was endorsed by CAP in the previous meeting, got approved by CAO.
4. J. deWinter is elected as a CAP representative to CITP. A. Hall-Phillips is elected as the CAP representative to UOAC.
5. CAP discussed two main issues regarding MQPs.
  - a. Currently, students cannot add a project to the E-projects 2.0 website. CAP believes that lacking this feature may discourage students to develop their own project ideas, which would not be in-line with the intent of the current MQP policies. After examining potential flowcharts for adding such functionality, CAP acknowledged that the current MQP registration procedures are a complex combination of E-projects 2.0 website and Workday. CAP decided to invite CIO Patty Patria and Deputy CIO Antoine Harrison to the next meeting to obtain more information and possibly a wireframe of the current procedure. This future discussion will also help CAP identify whether this issue is about enforcing a current policy or a technical implementation issue.
  - b. CAP also briefly discussed how registering to interdisciplinary MQPs can be streamlined.
6. A. C. Heinricher shared some results of a survey regarding the undergraduate course workloads. While students report reasonable (and less than the published expected time-on-task of 15-17 hours per course) for the majority of courses, it was evident that certain courses were taking more student time than what the course units imply. CAP also noticed that for some of these courses, the student satisfaction rates are still quite high. One of the courses, ID2050, often has a high reported workload but this may be because the students are including both ID2050 and the associated PQP. It is also speculated that some of the reported extra times might be due to students registering to the courses without satisfying the recommended backgrounds. A. C. Heinricher asked CAP's recommendation for whether an oversight might be necessary from the

Office of Undergraduate Studies, and if so, how it should be applied. CAP will discuss this issue in the next meeting.

7. Meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Berk Calli

D-term Secretary