

COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC POLICY
MEETING #9 MINUTES
Thursday, January 30, 2020, 10:00 AM, SL 226

Attendees: G. Heineman (Chair), J. Dudle, A. Hall-Phillips, A. Heinricher, T. Ourdyl (student representative), M. MacGregor (student representative), J. Rulfs, S. Weekes

Guests: C. Love (Registrar's Office)

Meeting called to order at 10:03 am

1. The minutes from meeting #8 (January 23, 2020) were approved with minor edits.
2. It was announced that the OSCAR website, which contains student course evaluation data from the 2018-2019 academic year and A/B terms of the 2019-2020 academic year, has had over 1,000 visitors. G. Heineman will be meeting with the SGA CAI (committee on academic issues) to boost awareness and solicit feedback.
3. A draft motion on pay for credit-bearing work on sponsored projects was discussed. WPI had a long-standing policy of not allowing pay for credit-bearing work, however there were loopholes in the policy. A three year trial was initiated to allow pay for credit for sponsored IQPs and MQPs, and the trial has now concluded. The draft motion would modify the language regarding "pay and credit" in the undergraduate catalog. A discussion ensued regarding the language in the draft motion compared to current catalog language. The current catalog requires work done for pay and work done for credit to be distinguishable. The discussion topics included: (a) if paid work and project work can be the same work, (b) if adequate restrictions would be in place to prevent retroactive registrations, and (c) if pay-for-credit work should be restricted to project centers only, with the associated deadlines and documentation required for project centers. The discussion will continue at the next meeting.
4. The meeting adjourned at 10:53 am

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanine D. Dudle
Secretary for C Term