

Committee on Academic Policy

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 17th, 2021, 2:00 pm

Meeting #9 AY2021-2022

Meeting held at Fuller Labs Becket Conference Room (FL246)

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

1. Meeting started at 02:00 pm.
2. Meeting minutes for Meeting #8 AY2021-2022 were reviewed and approved with minor revisions.
3. Default course capture:
 - a. In September 2021, the WPI Coronavirus Emergency Response Team (CERT) requested that the ATC be allowed to record by default course lectures. During a meeting on 9/16/21, CAP endorsed default course capture as a temporary policy only for A and B Terms of AY2021-2022.
 - b. In November 2021, the administration reached out to CAP asking if CAP would support an extension of the default course capture policy to C and D Terms of AY2021-2022.
 - c. CAP continued its discussion about the default course capture. CAP was concerned, for example, that the lecture capturing system, while working well for computer-aided teaching methods, cannot capture other methods such as the blackboard. The issues regarding the intellectual property rights that might be caused by the automatic lecture capturing system were also brought up.
 - d. CAP felt that it wanted to see more data from the policy implementation during A and B Terms before it could decide. For example, how many faculty opted out, how many students watched the recorded lectures, etc.
4. CAP approved a motion for a posthumous degree policy.
5. Prof. Pavlov notified CAP that he attended a CITP meeting to inform CITP about the discussions on CAP about eProjects 2.0. He was invited to attend the meeting by the CITP Chair Cowlagi.
6. CAP briefly discussed a request from the Mental Health & Well-Being Task Force to temporarily suspend downgrading academic standing of undergraduate students. The committee would continue its discussion.
7. Meeting adjourned at 2:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Berk Calli

B-term Secretary