

Committee on Advising and Student Life (CASL): Minutes

Meeting #1: 9/7/2020 via zoom

Present: Amy Curran (Office of Accessibility Services – Guest); Lane Harrison (CS); Amity Manning (BBT); Dave Medich (PH); Pdraig O’Cathain (Chair, MA); Adam Powell (ME); Paul Reilly (Office of Academic Advising); Greg Snoddy (Dean of Students Office); and Suzanne Weekes (Provost’s Office)

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm.
2. Paul Reilly shared information about the Academic Advising Taskforce that analyzed academic advising at WPI in 2017 and presented their recommendations to CASL. CASL will review the recommendations and make decisions about next steps. An update was also provided about the work that was completed this summer between the Office of Academic Advising (OAA) and Academic departments, pertaining to restructuring the delivery of courses in light of COVID-19. Professor Weekes complimented the efforts of the OAA in working with the Mathematical Sciences department.
3. Amy Curran shared information about the utilization of the Office of Accessibility Services (formerly called the Office of Disability Services). Amy highlighted student demographics as well as type of documented disabilities of WPI students. In addition, a breakdown of testing and classroom accommodations was provided. The full presentation is included in these minutes.
4. Greg Snoddy discussed the Dean of Students Annual Academic Integrity report. Discussion centered on CASL’s potential role in helping distribute the Academic Integrity report to faculty.
5. The remainder of the meeting focused on topics for CASL to take action on this year. These included online advising of students as well as the impact on faculty advising with the implementation of Workday.
6. The meeting was adjourned at 4:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Reilly

Secretary, CASL