

Committee on Advising and Student Life (CASL): Minutes

Meeting #3: 10/5/2020 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), Jennifer DeWinter (guest)

1. The minutes from meeting #2 will be circulated electronically.
2. Jennifer DeWinter led a discussion about e-sports and the growing interest across the nation. WPI students compete in national tournaments but they do not formally represent WPI as a club or organization. Due to the lack of formal recognition, there is no faculty advisor and the club is unregulated pertaining to items such as Title IX. Other institutions are highly regulated where e-sports are either recognized as a club, organization, or intercollegiate sport.
3. There was discussion about making specific resources available to academic advisors to help advise students. In order to find out what students and advisors want from the advising experience, CASL will develop a survey for students and faculty. The Office of Academic Advising will help develop questions for CASL to review.
4. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Reilly

Secretary, CASL