

## Committee on Advising and Student Life (CASL): Minutes

Meeting #4: 11/4/2020 via Zoom

**Present:** Scott Barton (HUA); Chris Chagnon (Staff); Jeannine Coburn (BME); Amy Curran (Office of Accessibility Services – Guest); Jorgo Gushi (Student Representative); Lane Harrison (CS); Amity Manning (BBT); Pdraig Ó Catháin (Chair, MA); Michael MacGregor (Student Representative); Adam Powell (ME); Greg Snoddy (Dean of Students Office); and Suzanne Weekes (Provost’s Office)

**Apologies:** Paul Reilly (Office of Academic Advising); Dave Medich (PH);

- The meeting was called to order at 11:05am
- Meeting minutes were adopted for CASL meetings 2 (9/21/2020) and 3 (10/5/2020)
- Professor Weekes asks whether there were any official actions following the discussion in Meeting 3. There were none.
- Led by Chair Ó Catháin, the committee and guests had a discussion on opportunities and challenges surrounding esports (electronic sports) at WPI, summarized below:
  - How should students represent WPI in college tournaments, where money and visibility are involved?
  - How does esports participation relate to clubs? The committee notes that we have an esports club, but esports participation extends outside the club.
  - Esports has documented culture problems: misogyny, violent content, etc., which led the NCAA to decline taking esports on, in part due to Title IX considerations.
  - Should there be a disclosure process for participating in tournaments?
  - WPI and Worcester are uniquely positioned for esports, with official tournaments already taking place in town, and the city considering support for esports events.
  - How will students access information about WPI policies on esports?
- The meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lane Harrison  
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