

Committee on Advising and Student Life (CASL): Minutes

Meeting #6: 2/4/2021 1pm via zoom

Present: Pádraig Ó Catháin (Chair, MA), Jeannine Coburn (BME), Edward Gutierrez (Humanities and Arts), Amity Manning (BBT), Paul Reilly (Office of Academic Advising); Michael MacGregor (SGA rep), Craig Renaud (Guest - IT), Mark Taricco (Guest - IT), Jorgo Gushi (SGA rep), Amy Curran (Guest - Office of Accessibility Services)

- Craig Renaud and Mark Taricco led a conversation about Advising mailing lists. They have developed a solution that will allow faculty to continue to email their academic advisees all at once. The system will be different than the older legacy code system, but the functionality will remain the same. Instructions will be provided and communicated with the WPI faculty.
- Amy Curran brought up the topic of future online delivery of courses and whether faculty at WPI have considered this. A number of faculty shared that their future plans are to go back to in-person teaching as soon as possible. Amy followed up that her question concerned the possibility of continuing to provide enhanced accessibility to students.
- Committee members discussed academic advising at WPI this spring and the impact of academic advising day being removed. Discussion centered around providing faculty with information and resources to help them advise undergraduate students in preparation for registration going live in Workday this spring.
- Paul Reilly requested faculty and student volunteers to serve on the Board of Trustee's Outstanding Academic Advising award committee.
- The meeting was adjourned at 2pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Reilly
Secretary, CASL