

**UNDERGRADUATE OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE  
WORCESTER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE**

Minutes of meeting #1 of the 2017-18 academic year, September 1, 2017

Attending: A. Heinricher, A. Donta-Venman, C. Demetry, R. Mallick, J. deWinter (chair), D. Samson. Present as guest: J. Rudolph (representing Global and Multicultural Competency Learning Outcomes Taskforce [GMCLOT]).

1. Meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm.
2. The committee appointed D. Samson its Secretary for 2016-17.
3. The committee needs to write an annual report for 2016-17. D. Samson will ask the Administrator of Faculty Governance for copies of committee minutes that he is currently missing.
4. Committee members discussed the need for the Committee on Academic Policy (CAP) to name its representative on our committee for the 2017-18 year. A. Heinricher will make inquiries of faculty members who might be willing to serve.
5. J. Rudolph reported on GMCLOT's activity up to the present time. GMCLOT worked to establish definitions and explanations that will set standards by which faculty members can foster global and intercultural competency and measure student success in achieving it. (Rudolph explained that the term "intercultural" is now preferred over "multicultural" in educational and diversity discourse, as it refers to the presence of different cultures within one society or nation-state—the situation in the United States—instead of "multiculturalism," the existence of different societies in different nation-states each with its own culture.) GMCLOT is not ready to present a finished set of recommendations and Rudolph will return to the task force and report UOAC's reaction to her interim report.
6. UOAC briefly considered possible items for action in 2017-18. These included liaison work with the NERCHA Project Inclusion Rubric Steering Committee, which is working toward definitions and methods for greater project inclusion; UOAC member C. Wobbe, who is also a member of the steering committee, will take an active role with this. UOAC also intends to be in contact with the Humanities and Arts Department as it works to clarify its aims and curriculum.
7. The meeting adjourned at 4:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David Samson, secretary