

## UNDERGRADUATE OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE (UOAC)

Minutes of meeting #3 of 2017-18 academic year, September 22, 2017.

Present: A. Heinricher (Provost's Office), R. Malick, D. Samson (Secretary), J. DeWinter (chair), A. Donta-Venman (Institutional Research), Giulio Cataldo (SGA), Oleg Pavlov(CAP)

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:04 PM.
2. New members Cataldo and Pavlov, representing the Student Government Association and the Committee on Academic Policy respectively, were welcomed to the committee as new members.
3. The minutes of meeting #2 were approved.
4. A. Heinricher announced that Pam St. Louis, Director of Operations for Engineering, has asked to regularly attend UOAC meetings in a non-voting capacity. UOAC members decided that St. Louis's work dealing with ABET for the engineering departments would make her presence at UOAC valuable. Some members cautioned against permitting UOAC's actions to become subject to ABET preferences. The committee voted to invite St. Louis to attend in the future, beginning with meeting #4.
5. D. Samson presented a second draft of UOAC's 2016-17 Annual Report. Suggested changes included inserting language about NEASC reports and the charge to the GMCLOT task force. Samson will present another draft at Meeting #4.
6. The committee extensively discussed Undergraduate Learning Outcomes #8 and #9 as having primarily ethical concerns that should be elaborated on and compared to other WPI benchmarks for students engaging with ethics in their education. A non-profit foundation is currently considering WPI for a grant to foster individual integrity of character in WPI students; GMCLOT's charge is relevant to this goal, as is the outcomes of undergraduate project work as regards ethical concerns. UOAC, the foundation, and relevant assessors of student projects are all concerned to see that the inculcation of ethics goes beyond "thou shalt not" dicta but be predictive of active, ethically positive actions by WPI graduates. For UOAC meeting #4, members were asked to frame answers for the question, "How do we tell if a student is ethical?" P. St. Louis will be asked to address this from ABET's perspective.
7. UOAC will be responsible for reporting on assessment matrices to NEASC. Donta-Venman will make NEASC Standard 8 (Physical and Technological Resources) available to UOAC, and new members Cataldo and Pavlov will be given access to UOAC's documents Dropbox.
8. The meeting adjourned at 3:58.

Respectfully submitted,

D. Samson, secretary