

Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Undergraduate Outcomes Assessment Committee (UOAC) Meeting Minutes
Date: Wednesday, 2/17/2021
Location: ZOOM meeting

Present: Jianyu Liang (Chair, ME), Chrys Demetry (Morgan Center), Art Heinricher (Provost's Office), Rajiv Malhotra (Institutional Research), Kate McIntyre (HUA), Emily Pimentel (student representative), Khalid Saeed (CAP), Qi Wen (Physics), Pamela St. Louis (Engineering Dean's Office, guest)

1. The meeting started at 2:00 pm via Zoom
2. The minutes from the December 2, 2020 meeting were reviewed and approved.
3. Professor Kate McIntyre was elected secretary for C term.
4. Update: the UOAC materials have been moved from Teams to Canvas.
5. Discussion continued on an ethics assessment plan.
 - a. Chair Liang asked the committee if we need to look into the how the assessment plan is implemented, and if we should make recommendations about the assessment plan at the institutional level.
 - b. Dean Heinricher suggested that this committee's role is to take the faculty's outcome assessment plan, implement it, and report to CAP about issues we see.
 - c. Several members noted that the ABET data is difficult to use because there is not a discrete section addressing ethics. While WPI has a university-wide ethics undergraduate learning outcome, voted on and approved by faculty, we are not capturing this data at an individual course level, but rather through IQP and MQP surveys.
 - d. Prof. Chrys Demetry pointed out that these surveys themselves are not currently usable: while IQP and MQP students complete a survey about their own achievement of the project learning outcomes, along with an evaluation of the project advisor, in the changeover to eProjects 2.0, faculty lost access to this data. This is an issue because the data can't currently be used for tenure and promotion cases or for faculty to learn and improve based on student responses. In addition, the surveys to be completed by advisors evaluating individual student achievement of the project learning outcomes have not yet been implemented in eProjects 2.0.
6. Chair Liang shared the President's presentation on WPI's next strategic plan with the group.
7. The meeting adjourned at 2:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kate McIntyre, C term Secretary