

UNDERGRADUATE OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE (UOAC)
WORCESTER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE
Minutes of 2017-18 meeting #20, April 24, 2018

Present: L. Mathews (chair), D. Samson (secretary), O. Pavlov, R. Mallick, A. Donta-Venman (Institutional Research), A. Heinricher (Provost's Office), G. Cataldo '20 (SGA)

The meeting came to order at 11:03.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

D. Samson reported that he was drafting the committee's Annual Report. A draft will be circulated to members via email.

O. Pavlov stated that he is willing to continue as the committee's liaison to CAP in the 2018-19 academic year. L. Mathews reported that she had begun to set up a Canvas site for UOAC and that Heinricher will finish this process as Mathews rotates off the committee at the end of the current academic year.

The committee continued to discuss the future of Undergraduate Learning Outcomes #9 and 10. Committee members agreed that in its work next academic year on issues related to ethics, it will be necessary to establish more clearly what kinds of ethical concerns should be addressable as a university-wide concern and which are best set and assessed within departments and programs. Assessment of the ethical component of MQP evaluations will also be taken up as the committee's business next year. Data from MQP evaluations relating to ethics and other outcome mandates has not been regularly reviewed for some years; the same is true of other data collected as part of UOAC's official assessment plan. A. Heinricher suggested that UOAC should work on regularizing and focusing such reviews. Heinricher also noted that UOAC might engage faculty more broadly with the Undergraduate Learning Outcomes to raise awareness of them and invite meaningful dialog in the revision and assessment processes. Members agreed with Heinricher's comment that UOAC could usefully serve as a communications channel between reviewers of MQP and IQP data and the faculty at large.

The meeting adjourned at 11:47 am.

Respectfully submitted, D. Samson, secretary