WPI
Committee on Academic Operations
Minutes

6th CAO meeting of AY 2015-2016
Tuesday, October 13, 2015
Beckett Conference Room, Fuller Labs

Present: VJ Manzo (HUA; Acting Chair), Stephan Sturm (MA; Acting Secretary), William Clark (CHE), Mark Claypool (CS), Heather Jackson (Registrar), Chuck Kornick (Administrator of Academic Programs), Paul Reilly (Academic Advising), Kris Wobbe (Provost Representative, Associate Dean of Undergraduate Studies); Guest: Jill Rulfs (BBT; 3:15-3:55pm)
Absent: Whitney Davis (Student Representative), Maggie Vaccaro (Student Representative), Rob Lindeman (CS), Wes Mott (HUA)

Meeting called to order at 3:02pm

Old Business

1. Minutes of 5th meeting approved
2. Motion from Foisie SoB to add ETR 280X (Claypool liaison)
   ⇒ Approved
3. Motion from CEE to change the Distribution Requirements (Manzo liaison)
   CAO is worrying that there are too many restrictive requirements and is referring to the faculty’s Statement of Values of Undergraduate Education: “WPI’s programs shall be sufficiently flexible so as to allow students significant choice in and responsibility for planning their courses of study“ (Faculty Handbook, p.2-24, 5.)
   ⇒ Back to originator to inquire if additional flexibility is possible
4. Motion from CEE to change the Minor Requirements (Manzo liaison)
   ⇒ Postponed (after the distribution requirements are clarified)
5. Discussion with Jill Rulfs (BBT) about motions from BBT, to add a capstone course and to drop BB4008, BB4010, and BB4150
   ⇒ Motion rejected in current form. CAO suggests that it would be ready to approve if sign-in requirement is dropped and appropriate language in the course description is added instead.

Meeting adjourned at 4:12pm

Respectfully submitted,
Stephan Sturm, CAO acting secretary