

Committee on Academic Policy

Meeting Minutes

10th CAP Meeting of 2018-2019

Monday, December 10, 2018 2PM in SL226

Chair: David Olinger (ME)

In Attendance: George Heineman (CS), Art Heinricher (Dean, Undergraduate Studies), Mayer Humi (MA), David Olinger (ME), Jeanine Plummer (CEE), Jill Rulfs (BBT), Guillermo Salazar (CEE)

Student Representatives: Chris Tocci (BIO/PW), Ryan Candy (MA)

Announcements

Look out for WhenIsGood request for C term meeting time

CAP needs a new representative for

the Educational Development Council (EOG). Balaji (Baloo) Panchapakesan (ME) has resigned. Lane Harrison (CS) and Andrea Arnold (MA) have been identified as potential new representatives. D. Olinger will contact L. Harrison and M. Humi will contact A. Arnold for that purpose.

1. Minutes for CAP meeting # 9 (November 26, 2018) were approved with minor changes
2. New Data Sciences Major
D. Olinger presented a joint motion from CAP and CAO to approve a new B.S. program in Data Science for discussion. The committee identified some aspects of the motion that need to be further considered by the steering committee such as:
 - unbalanced levels between flexibility and rigidity in different components of the proposed program,
 - the large number of disciplinary courses identified as elective,
 - the level of breadth against the level of depth on specific disciplinary areas,
 - the possibility of creating undesirable double majors in the specific disciplinary areas and corresponding identification and affiliation of potential advisory faculty
 - lack of consideration of courses related to the proposed major offered by departments other than the ones proposing the program
 - the need to streamline the narrative describing the program for easier reading and better understanding
 - the lack of 4000 level courses
 - courses listed as electives which are not really elective but rather restricted choices
 - the feasibility and sustainability of the program based on the amount and nature of listed faculty resources
 - the lack of an explicit criteria for evaluation of results and outcomes

D. Olinger will provide the committee's' feedback to the steering committee

Next CAP meeting will take place early in C Term 19

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 PM

Submitted by Guillermo Salazar (Secretary B term)