

COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC POLICY
Minutes, Meeting #1, 2015-2016
August 30, 2015

Present: J. Doyle (Chair); L. Capogna; M. Elmes; J. Hanlan; A. Heinricher; J. Rulfs

J. Doyle discussed the need for CAP's Archive to be brought up to date. Last year CAP used a dropbox system for minutes and annual reports. At the end of the year many members reported that they had no access to last year's records. A. Heinricher was able to supply J. Doyle with the dropbox materials from last year.

Dean Heinricher will contact Student Government to determine the student members of CAP for this year.

CAP voted unanimously to APPOINT Prof. Rulfs as its representative to UOAC.

CAP reviewed some outstanding issues from last year:

Last year CAP voted to endorse a motion which would allow undergraduate students to be paid by companies for project work. Increasingly companies want to protect proprietary information (and for other reasons) by classifying student interns as employees and paying them. Prof. Beck agreed to present this to the Faculty on behalf of CAP. We will ask Prof. Beck to delay this presentation until this year's committee has a chance to review the issue once again.

Dean Heinricher is currently conducting an online course evaluation study (with CAP's approval). He has some data which he will discuss with CAP, but would like to continue his pilot study this year. CAP endorsed the continuation.

Last year CAP agreed to turn the review of graduate students teaching of undergraduate courses over to CGSR (at CGSR's request). If CGSR formulates a policy on this issue, they will send it to CAP for review of the implications on the undergraduate program.

Likely business for this year:

Dean Heinricher raised the issue of agreeing upon a definition of what constitutes an ISP. He referenced a particular concern regarding this matter.

Some issues arising out of the "Pillars" initiative will likely come before CAP. Two examples cited were: undergraduate global competency as a learning outcome; the Grand Challenge Scholars Program.

Prof. Doyle will solicit Faculty input regarding suggestions for issues to be considered by CAP.

Prof. Doyle will ask whether the Provost wishes to meet with CAP to discuss matters relating to academic policy.

Respectfully submitted,

James P. Hanlan