

**Committee on Academic Programs (CAP)  
Minutes for Meeting on Apr 10, 2024**

Present:

David Mazeika, Steven Singer, Ellen Farr, John McCarty, Susan Ryan, Jennifer Castro, Lisa Watson-Cotton, Susan Ryan, Sylvia Twersky, Katy Robinson, Jackie Anderson, Angie Capece, Jennifer Palmgren, Avani Rana

Excused:, Monisha Pulimood, Lisa Grimm, Tracy Perron, Brett BuSha

**1. Review and approve minutes**

- a. The March 27 meeting minutes were approved.

**2. Announcements**

- a. Members were informed that CAP's two recommendations regarding the FYS/FYW and 32 to 30 unit structural changes were sent to Steering.
- b. Graduate assistant policy: GSC recommended that a policy is not needed at this time. Steering is considering whether CAP needs to review the policy as well. There is no charge to CAP at this time.

**3. Discussion of current charges/business:**

- a. Active charges/business under discussion
  - i. Social Media Minor: CAP approved the Social Media Minor proposal
  - ii. Graduate Education Certificates: CAP approved the Graduate Education Certificates.
  - iii. Structural Changes: Revisiting the language requirement
    - CAP met with members of the Language Working Group (LWG) and discussed the value of the current language requirements/programming.
    - The LWG, prior to any testimony that is collected, wants to make the campus community aware of the value of the language requirements and programming.
    - The LWG along with a subcommittee of CAP discussed two specific proposals.
      - “Remove the term “second language” from the list of College Core requirements listed under intellectual and scholarly growth in light of the fact that less than 50% of students are required to fulfill this”
        - a. There are concerns that if this is done some departments will reflexively drop the language requirement and students will also consider languages optional, although, they already are for about 60% of our students.

- “Develop a plan to collect testimony from departments and stakeholders on campus with key questions to address language proficiency, continued need for a language requirement to meet learning outcomes, and broader global requirements aligned with Core”
  - a. These questions need to be finalized before CAP can collect testimony

#### **4. Notes on Committees that report to CAP**

- a. College Core Council
- b. Community Engaged Learning Council
- c. Cultural and Intellectual Community Council
- d. Global Engagement Council
- e. Graduate Studies Council
- f. Honors and Scholars Council
- g. Mentored Research and Internships Council
- h. Self-Designed Major Council
- i. Teacher Education Council
- j. Teaching and Learning Council

Our **next meeting** will be April 24, 2024

1. Steven Singer, Faculty, term expires 2026
2. Angie Capece, Faculty, term expires 2026
3. Sylvia Twersky, Faculty, term expires 2026
4. John McCarty, Faculty, term expires 2024
5. Brett BuSha, Faculty, term expires 2024
6. Monisha Pulimood, Faculty, term expires 2025
7. Tracy Perron, Faculty, term expires 2025
8. Susan Ryan, Faculty, term expires 2025
9. Dave Mazeika, Faculty, term expires 2025
10. Avani Rana, Staff, term expires 2024
11. Ellen Farr, Staff, term expires 2025
12. Jennifer Palmgren, provost designee
13. Lisa Grimm, Academic Dean
14. Jackie Anderson, Undergraduate Student
15. Jennifer Castro, Undergraduate Student
16. Katy Robinson Graduate Student
17. Lisa Watson-Cotton, Records & Registration representative