Committee on Academic Programs

Meeting Minutes

August 27, 2025

Present: Matt Bender, Andrew Bechtel, Angie Capece, Cecilia Colbeth, Jason Dahling,

Ellen Farr, Chris Fisher, Jennifer Palmgren, Steven Singer, Stephanie Sen, William Slavinsky, Lisa Watson-Cotton, Shengbin Wang, Kate Zydor

Absent: N/A

Excused: N/A

1. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for AY 2025-2026

a. CAP members unanimously elected Angie Capece to serve as Chair of CAP and Matt Bender to serve as Vice-Chair for the Academic Year

2. Review and Approval of Minutes

- a. CAP reviewed and approved the minutes from the May 12, 2025 meeting. These will be forwarded to Steering.
- 3. Discussion of New Charges from Steering
 - a. Types of Undergraduate Majors and Minors Defined
 - i. CAP discussed the charge received from Steering, and Dean of Education Tabitha Dell'Angelo visited to discuss concerns with and potential revisions to the current policy.
 - ii. CAP convened a subcommittee to review the charge and propose policy changes to the whole of CAP at its next meeting.
 - b. College Core Revision
 - i. CAP briefly discussed the new charge on the College Core received from Steering.
 - CAP selected committee members to serve as representatives at the College Core Council, which will work on the charge under CAP oversight.
- 4. Discussion of Current Charges and Business
 - a. Archeology Minor
 - i. CAP convened a subcommittee to review the latest proposal and changes received for the proposal. CAP plans to vote on this at its next meeting.

Next meeting: September 10, 2025

CAP 2025-26 Roster

- 1. Andrew Bechtel, Faculty, term ends 2028
- 2. Matthew Bender, Faculty, term ends 2027
- 3. Angie Capece, Faculty, term ends 2026
- 4. Cecilia Colbeth, Staff, term ends 2027
- 5. Jason Dahling, Faculty, term ends 2028
- 6. Ellen Farr, Staff, term ends 2028
- 7. Christopher Fisher, Academic Dean
- 8. Jennifer Palmgren, provost designee
- 9. William Slavinsky, Undergraduate Student
- 10. Stephanie Sen, Faculty, term ends 2028
- 11. Steven Singer, Faculty, term ends 2026
- 12. Shengbin Wang, Faculty, term ends 2027
- 13. Kate Zydor, Undergraduate Student
- 14. Vacancy, Graduate Student
- 15. Vacancy, Faculty, term ends 2026
- 16. Lisa Watson-Cotton, R&R representative (non-voting)