PPBC meeting 10/20/22

In attendance: Ken Rines (Physics), Jackie Caplan-Auerbach (CSE, advisory), Qiang Hao (SMATE), Brian Hutchinson (Chair; Computer Science), Xicheng Jiang (Engineering), Tim Kowalczyk (AMSEC), Robert Mitchell (Geology), Amy Anderson (Math), Dietmar Schwarz (Biology)

Absent: Ying Bao (Chemistry)

1. Minutes from 06/09/2022
   a. Minutes discussed and revision suggestions provided
   b. 3 members abstained and 5 members approved the minutes with the suggested changes

2. Minutes from 10/06/2022
   a. 1 member abstained and 7 members approved the minutes

3. GFGC applicant discussed and voted
   a. Sean Mulcahy was approved unanimously to serve on GFGC

4. Communication preference among the dean, PPBC, and department chairs discussed
   a. PPBC prefers that Dean and Assoc. Dean attend
   b. Communication to departments will be via PPBC reps

5. CSE modality policy discussion
   a. Registrar is lacking the capability to control how many online courses a student takes remains to be a challenge in tackling this issue; however, we can track how many online courses a student has taken
   b. Online courses and programs may require different assessment plans.
   c. Programs need to make decisions on whether to retain the distance learning approval by spring 2022; if a program gives up the distance learning approval, a student may risk taking too many online courses and can't earn the degree
   d. One of the challenges PPBC needs to address is if a program has a course that is taken by students outside of the program, whether the course should be offered online