

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