

CTRF Meeting #6
Tuesday October 4th, 2022
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Meeting held electronically via Zoom

Members in attendance: Drew Brodeur (Chair, CBC), Izabela Stroe (PH), Althea Danielski (HUA), Suzanne LePage (CEAE)

1. **Call to order.** Chair Brodeur called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM
2. **Review and approve minutes from Meeting #4 & #5.** The committee approved the meeting minutes #4, and meeting minutes #5 with minor adjustments forthcoming.
3. **Updates from Survey Responses.** Chair Brodeur reported that colleagues who requested a meeting have been contacted and will be added to future agendas. One issue raised by a few people that CTRF would like to address in B-term is the need for a more formal mentoring structure for existing faculty who are entering the tenure track – similar to what is in place for faculty entering WPI for the first time.
4. **Meeting Guest: Lou Roberts.** Regarding one of Lou’s first questions, Mark Richman has clarified by email that all “secured non-tenure track teaching faculty” are eligible to vote and serve on committees, and thereby, eligible to participate in Department review committees. However, some secured faculty have been refused this opportunity. CTRF members agreed that it is within its purview to reiterate this policy to Department Heads and others.

A second question that has come up regards the process by which people are nominated and put on ballots for committee membership. Discussion surrounded the thought that a lot of newly enfranchised faculty members feel removed from the process and, in some case, are not sure of their voting rights. Even if the process is stated in the Faculty Handbook, it’s not entirely transparent or easy to follow.

CTRF members agreed that this information should be made clearer to all faculty, and especially to TRTs who may be unfamiliar with their new rights to vote and serve on committees in faculty governance. CTRF will discuss ways to do this in future meetings.

5. **The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 PM**

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Aguilar CTRF Secretary