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Committee on Academic Policy
Minutes of Meeting #6
Academic Year 2016-2017
October 26, 2016

Present: M. Humi (Chair); J. Beck; M. Brooks; J. Doyle; M. Elmes; A. Heinricher; D. Olinger

The minutes of the meeting of October 7 were approved with minor changes.

CAP continued discussion a motion to change the membership of UOAC. COG was not in favor of some aspects of the change. CAP discussed how to proceed, and decided that Prof. Heinricher will meet with UOAC to decide if it is worth proceeding with the limited motion that meets with COG approval.

There was a brief discussion on the proposed change to the policy for ISPs. Consensus was that the motion does not require changes to the faculty handbook, and should be on the agenda for the November faculty meeting.

There was a brief discussion of creating a CAP database of policies. At present, many policies can only be found by reading minutes from past meetings.

There was substantial discussion about teaching. First, there was discussion about under what circumstances graduate students should be permitted to teach at WPI. A decision was made to coordinate with the "Faculty of the Future" program to help set policy. Second, there was discussion of how faculty teaching is being evaluated, and whether sufficient information exists. Specifically, there was concern about whether departments were conducting the required post-tenure review of faculty. CAP decided to contact department heads and inquire about their current policy for reviewing continuing non-tenure track and post-tenure faculty.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph E. Beck, Secretary