

**Committee on Teaching and Research Faculty (CTRF) Meeting #9 Draft Minutes**  
**Tuesday November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**2pm-3pm**

**Meeting held in person and on Zoom**

**Members in attendance:** Drew Brodeur (Chair, CBC), Joe Aguilar (Secretary, HUA), Izabela Stroe (PH), Althea Danielski (HUA), Steve Kmiotek (CHE)

1. **Approve minutes.** Meeting minutes #8 were reviewed and approved without any changes.
2. **Committee chairs' meeting.** Chair Brodeur reported on the committee chairs' meeting from the previous Friday, where topics included the use of an outside consultant in the Provost search, and the order of items for the next faculty meeting.
3. **COG update.** COG did not meet the previous day (it was Wellness Day), so there was no update.
4. **Finalize plan for meeting with the Provost at 10am on Wednesday 11/8.** In advance of the meeting with the Provost, Chair Brodeur said he would include updated data in the Committee's rationale for more faculty sabbaticals, which the Committee would present to the Provost alongside three possibilities for implementation.
5. **Discuss final draft of COACHE custom questions.** Chair Brodeur shared custom questions from previous years' surveys, and further talked through possible questions around subjects including satisfaction with the implementation of the TPT path so far, mentoring and support for all types of teaching faculty, secured faculty's feeling of agency at WPI, and secured faculty's sense of academic freedom.

**The committee adjourned at 2:50 pm.**

**Respectfully submitted,**  
**Joe Aguilar**

**CTRF Secretary**