

Committee on Teaching and Research Faculty (CTRF) Meeting #21 Minutes
Thursday 4/25/2024
1pm-2pm

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. **COG update.** Committee members Danielski and Kmiotek talked about the last COG meeting, which included several items of relevance to CTRF. COG discussed CTAF membership according to faculty guidelines, which says CTAF should consist of nine tenured members. There was unanimous agreement from CTAF that “tenured” means both tenured dual-mission faculty and tenured teaching faculty. There was further discussion among COG about whether this point should be clarified more explicitly in the handbook.
2. **Future of CTRF.** The Committee will continue to discuss this matter next year, in consultation with COG.
3. **Faculty loading models.** The Committee looked at information about loading models across departments. CTRF also agreed it would be a net positive to continue talking about faculty loading models at WPI next year. Chair Brodeur will try to raise the topic at an upcoming Committee Chairs’ meeting.
4. **Sabbaticals for full-time faculty at WPI.** The Committee agreed to wait until next year to continue our conversation on sabbaticals, since the new Provost will be decisive regarding how sabbaticals are handled going forward.
5. **Annual end-of-year committee report.** The Committee will review the format of last year’s report as we consider how to approach our end-of-year report this year.

The committee adjourned at 2pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Aguilar
CTRF Secretary