

Committee on Teaching and Research Faculty (CTRF) Meeting #8 Minutes
Thursday 11/21
11am-12pm

Meeting held in person

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

1. **COG update.** Committee members Danielski and Kmiotek reported that most of the COG discussion was about preparing for the evaluation of academic administrators, which is moving away from evaluations of individuals to evaluations of the effectiveness of the administrative offices.

There were also updates on the search committees. CTAF would like another short-term member to help support the wave of teaching faculty coming through. When election season arrives, perhaps CTRF can send out a reminder email spotlighting CTAF's need.

2. **Research professor data from Provost's office.** Chair Brodeur emailed Carla from the Provost's office for data on research professors, and we now have a list of research faculty. WPI currently has 17 full-time research professors. WPI also has various non-faculty researchers, collaborators, and affiliates.

Of the 17 full-time research professors, 14 are still assistant research professors; there are no associate research professors; and there are three full research professors. After the Committee hosts Mike Timko, Chair Brodeur will reach out to research professors to see if anyone would like to further discuss guidelines, criteria, and timeline.

3. **Sabbatical data.** There were 22 total sabbaticals taken this year, up from 15 the previous year, and down from 28 the year before that. Roughly 1/3 of faculty on sabbatical take full-year sabbaticals. As the years go on, someone should continue to compile sabbatical data.
4. **CTRF will host Mark Claypool and Karen Troy on 12/5.** We plan to talk about where CTRF will be as a committee after this year.

The committee adjourned at 12pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Aguilar
CTRF Secretary