

Committee on Teaching and Research Faculty (CTRF) Meeting #11 Minutes
Tuesday 2/18
3pm-4pm

Meeting held in person

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

COG update. Committee Members Danielski and Kmietek reported that Chair Brodeur's motion to extend CTRF for two years will be presented at the March faculty meeting.

Also, the conflict of commitment policy discussion continues at COG. CTAF will be talking about whether or not professors of teaching who have tenure can serve on CTAF. CTAF's (and CTRF's) position is yes, but there's push to have this discussed at the faculty meeting, so CTAF may bring a motion to clarify that "tenured faculty" includes professors of teaching and dual-mission faculty.

Update about Kimberly LeChasseur and John McNeil. Kimberly LeChasseur and John McNeill would like to talk to the Committee about a proposal for a pilot professional development program for teaching faculty at the engineering school, which might eventually expand to other departments at WPI. They will forward a slide about the proposal for CTRF to review.

TPT positions. Last year (2023-2024), there were several people moved onto the teaching path to tenure, although there isn't clarity about how it happened. What is the process now? Who can apply for these positions?

Chair Brodeur will contact the Provost's office to see if the Committee can get more information. How can CTRF advise teaching faculty about the teaching path to tenure track in 2025?

The committee adjourned at 4pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Aguilar
CTRF Secretary