

Minutes of FAP Meeting #32 AY2020-21

June 1, 2021

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

Meeting Held in-person, Tavern in the Square restaurant, Shrewsbury

Members in Attendance: Joseph Fehribach (FAP Chair), George Pins (RPC Representative), Mike Radzicki (FBC Chair), Jeff Solomon (Executive Vice President/CFO), David Spanagel (FAP Secretary), Kris Sullivan (Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs)

Guests: Nancy Burnham (FAP Chair from A2018 through A2020), Joseph Sarkis (FAP member-elect for 2021-24)

Call to Order. Chair Fehribach called the 32nd FAP meeting of the year to order at 5:23 PM.

- 1) **Approval of Minutes.** After making one minor correction, the minutes for Meeting #31 were approved without any objections.
- 2) **Financial/Class of 2025 Update.** CFO Solomon reported no concerns regarding the financial picture and the incoming class.

CFO Solomon also clarified that the lump supplemental payments made to every WPI employee during the latter half of May (in recognition of the extraordinary work and any unreimbursed pandemic-related expenses that people may have incurred during this academic year to support their own capacity to do that work) were categorized as “non-salary operating expenses.” As such, they are not to be counted as taxable income.

- 3) **Committee Reorganization for AY 2021-22.** After a brief discussion about roles and preferences among next year’s FAP members, the following slate was proposed and accepted without objection:

FAP Chair for AY 2021-22 – Joseph Fehribach

FAP Secretary for AY 2021-22 – Joseph Sarkis (except during B term when he will be assigned to an advise off campus projects; David Spanagel will serve as Interim Secretary for that interval of time)

RPC representative for AY 2021-22 – David Spanagel

FBC Chair for AY 2021-22 – (COG’s appointee as the fourth FAP faculty member for the year)

- 4) **Recognition of Service.** Recent, present, and future FAP members who were in attendance expressed their respect and appreciation for the sixteen years that Jeffrey Solomon served as an *ex officio* member of FAP. We shared in a toast to the elements of openness, frankness, trust, and the spirit of shared governance that FAP has tried to epitomize at WPI. His anticipated retirement date will occur later this summer (probably before FAP reconvenes to begin its AY 2021-22 meetings).
- 5) **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 6:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David Spanagel

FAP Secretary