Attendees:

David Bunis; Philip Clay; Maureen Deiana; Dana Harmon; Amy Morton; Patty Patria; Craig Shue; Wole Soboyejo; Jeff Solomon; Erin Silva and Matt Thaler; Amy Fabiano, Associate General Counsel.

Minutes:

1. Approval of December 16, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Jeff Solomon called for a vote to approve the December 16, 2020 meeting minutes.

Profs. Shue abstained; all other APG members voted to approve the December 16, 2020 meeting minutes.

2. Update on the Status of the Interim Title IX and Sexual Misconduct Policies and the APG Working Group

Amy Fabiano, Associate General Counsel in her capacity as a member of the APG Working Group, provided an update on the progress of the interim Title IX and Sexual Misconduct Policies. Ms. Fabiano reminded the APG that in August 2020, WPI revised its Title IX and Sexual Misconduct Policies, on an interim basis, to comply with the new Title IX regulations effective August 14, 2020. WPI’s interim policies were made effective August 14, 2020 and are due to expire as interim policies on February 14, 2021, as per Section 5 of the APG Process. The APG created the APG Working Group for Title IX and Sexual Misconduct Policies to revise these interim policies. To this end, the APG Working Group met several times in 2020.

Ms. Fabiano explained that a recent Executive Order signed by President Biden, recently released guidance from the Office for Civil Rights (OCR), and Massachusetts’ recently-passed sexual violence law signed by Governor Baker on January 12, 2021 (effective August 1, 2021) necessitate additional edits to both interim policies. Given this, Ms. Fabiano informed the APG that the interim Title IX and Sexual Misconduct Policies must remain in place through the end of the 2020-2021 academic year (i.e., May 22, 2021) and that, per the APG Process, the APG Working Group will be asking President Leshin to extend the interim policies for this additional period of time.
Prof. Shue asked if Faculty Governance will be involved in reviewing and approving the permanent versions of the Title IX and Sexual Misconduct Policies. Mr. Bunis informed Mr. Shue and the APG that an agreement had been reached between Faculty Governance and the administration on this topic. Mr. Bunis referred Prof. Shue to faculty governance leaders for the details of that agreement.

3. Preview of Forthcoming Policies

Mr. Thaler briefly reviewed the docket of forthcoming policies for the APG may consider this semester.

Meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

David A. Bunis
Secretary, Administrative Policy Group