

Minutes of FAP Meeting #22 AY2017-18
2 April 2018, 11 a.m. – 12 noon
Division of Finance and Operations Conference Room, Boynton Hall

In attendance: Tanja Dominko (Chair), Nancy Burnham (Secretary), Fabienne Miller, AVP
Kristopher Sullivan, CFO Jeffrey Solomon

Absent: Tahar El-Korchi

1. The day's agenda was approved.
2. The minutes of meeting #21 were approved after a minor revision.
3. Prof Miller reported that the Retirement Plan Committee reviewed the quarterly performance of each of the funds within the retirement plan. No concerns were raised.
4. The topic of next year's FAP membership was raised. The elected members Professors El-Korchi and Dominko will be rotating off FAP next year. The possible roles for the continuing and incoming members were discussed.
5. **How shall WPI manage graduate tuition in the future?** As reported in previous FAP minutes, CGSR has stated that our current high graduate tuition lowers the effectiveness of research awards. CGSR has suggested several alternatives to lower graduate tuition that may be charged to grants; all have financial consequences. FAP recommends that FAP and CGSR provide a concept paper to the Dean of Graduate Studies and the Vice Provost of Research for their consideration. Chair Dominko will draft the report for comments by members of FAP and CGSR.
6. **Teaching and research support of faculty by gender.** Now that a report on salaries by gender has been presented, FAP has received a number of comments that teaching and research support for women might be lower than that for men, e.g. TA support. FAP will review COACHE results. AVP Sullivan will meet with Michelle Jones-Johnson to raise the issue and begin a discussion.
7. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy A Burnham
FAP Secretary 2017-18