To: The WPI Faculty
From: M. W. Richman
Secretary of the Faculty

The ninth Faculty meeting of the 2015-2016 academic year will be held on **Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at 11:00 am in Olin Hall 107**, with refreshments at 10:45 am.

1. Call to Order M. Richman
   - Consideration of the Minutes and the Consent Agenda

2. Opening Announcements M. Richman

3. Provost’s Remarks B. Bursten

4. Committee Reports
   - Committee on Advising and Student Life (CASL) S. Olson
     - Insight Faculty Advisors: Recognition and General Information
   - Committee on Governance (COG) G. Gaudette
     - Update on Progress to Date Concerning Promotions

5. Committee Business
   - Committee on Academic Operations (CAO) S. Sturm
     - May 2016 Undergraduate Student Graduation List
   - Committee on Graduate Studies and Research (CGSR) M. Demetriou
     - May 2016 Graduate Student Graduation List
   - Committee on Governance (COG) G. Gaudette
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     - Motion to revise the membership of CGSR

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Faculty Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2016

Summary:
1. Call to Order
2. Opening Announcements
3. Committee Business: COG/FAP; COG/CGSR
4. Committee Reports: COG
5. Adjournment

Detail:
1. Call to Order
The eighth meeting of the 2015-2016 academic year was called to order at 3:20pm in OH 107 by Prof. Richman (ME). The minutes from March 17, 2016 were approved with one modification. The consent agenda was approved as distributed.

2. Opening Announcements
Prof. Richman announced that the Faculty Honors Convocation would be held on April 22nd at 11am in the Campus Center Odeum, and encouraged all faculty members to attend. Prof. Richman announced that election ballots for the Faculty governance standing committees would be distributed in time to conclude the elections before the end of the academic year.

Dean Cyganski (ECE) announced that a celebration honoring the winners of the Gordon Prize (Dean Vaz, Dean Wobbe, Dean Heinricher, and Prof. Apelian) will be held on April 18 at 2:30pm in Alden Hall. The celebration will include a panel discussion moderated by Pres. Leshin, with panelists Dean Vaz, Dan Mote (Pres., National Academy of Engineering) Lynn Pasquerella (Pres., Mt. Holyoke College), and Mark Russell (WPI Trustee and Corporate VP of Engineering Technology and Mission Assurance at Raytheon).

Prof. Billiar (BME), as the co-Chair of the Dean of Engineering search committee, indicated that airport interviews had been scheduled and open sessions for the candidates invited to campus will be scheduled very soon. Prof. Richman stressed the importance of attending these open sessions, and encouraged those outside of the engineering departments to attend, as well. Prof. Gericke (CBC), as a member of the VPR search committee, indicated that four candidates will be interviewed on campus. He reiterated the importance of strong participation in the open sessions. Prof. Gericke, as co-Chair of the search for the VP of Talent Development and Chief Diversity Officer (CDO), explained that talent development focuses on the relational aspect of human resources and that the combination of talent development and CDO into one position is relatively new to universities. He anticipated that open sessions for the final candidates would be held in early May with the intention to conclude the search by the end of May.

Dean Snoddy (Assoc. Dean of Students) reminded those in attendance that if they needed commencement regalia, then the bookstore would order it for them free of charge.

Provost Bursten announced that to date, 12 TTT positions had been filled for the upcoming academic year, with several additional offers pending.

3. Committee Business
Committee on Governance (COG)/Committee on Administrative and Financial Policy (FAP):
Prof. Dominko (BBT), for the Committee on Governance, and Prof. El-Korchi (CEE), for the Committee on Administrative and Financial Policy, moved that the current language of Bylaw One, Section VIII of the Faculty Handbook describing FAP’s membership, charge, and name be revised as described in the meeting materials. Prof. El-Korchi explained that the proposed change in membership is to add one faculty member to FAP who will be appointed by COG for a one-year term renewable for up to three consecutive years and
will be chosen to diversify the skill sets of the committee members. The added member will ease the workload of the committee and will ensure that the committee is able to function well even in the absence of one of its members. The charge has been extended beyond “policy” to include informing the Faculty on all administrative and financial “matters” that affect WPI. Finally, FAP’s name would be changed to the Committee on Financial and Administrative Policy. (See Addendum #1 attached to these minutes.) The motion passed without further discussion.

Committee on Governance (COG)/Committee on Graduate Studies and Research (CGSR): Prof. Dominko (BBT), for the Committee on Governance, and Prof. Demetriou (ME), for the Committee on Graduate Studies and Research, described a motion to revise the membership of CGSR. Prof. Demetriou explained that the motion would maintain nine members of CGSR and that six would remain as elected faculty members and one would remain as an appointed graduate student. However, the representative of the Provost’s Office would be converted to the Vice Provost for Research (ex officio) and that the Director of Continuing Education would be replaced by the Dean of Graduate Studies (ex officio). The charge of the committee would remain unchanged. (See Addendum #2 attached to these minutes.)

Prof. Gericke (CBC) did not understand why, given CPE’s important role in delivering graduate credits, it made sense to eliminate the CPE representative as a voting member of CGSR. Prof. Dominko pointed out that, in the view of both CGSR and COG, the charge of CGSR (as described in the Faculty Handbook) now overlaps with the combined responsibilities of the Dean of Graduate Studies and the VPR. Prof. Dominko explained that with the expansion of the responsibilities of a full time DoGS for course and program development combined with the VPR’s responsibilities for research activities, CGSR would be fully served by having members who are academics qualified to judge those matters. She emphasized that input from CPE representatives would be invited whenever discussions arose about programs associated with or facilitated by CPE. Prof. Gericke felt that the question of whether CGSR should include a representative from CPE was obscured by other changes in the proposed motion.

Provost Bursten expressed his opposition to the motion, and has already asked CGSR to be more inclusive. He explained that CPE serves corporate and professional clients, many of whom are not under the purview of our DoGS, who has a large role to play in bringing forward the Ph.D. Plan and working with very different students. His preference was to include the DoGS, the VPR, and a representative from CPE as voting members and to add another elected faculty member if needed to alleviate any concerns about having too many administrators on CGSR. Prof. Demetriou explained that the Director of Continuing Education was placed on CGSR when the Dean of Graduate Studies and Research was a single position. Since then, the positions have been split into two and now both are full time positions. With those added responsibilities, CGSR feels that all graduate programs should be under the purview of the Dean of Graduate Studies.

Prof. Fehribach (MA) asked if a representative of CPE could be a non-voting member of CGSR. Prof. Demetriou anticipated that the Director of CPE would be an invited non-voting guest, as currently are the Director of Graduate Admissions, the Registrar, and the Director of Academic Programs. Prof. Dominko reiterated that such an arrangement would leave academic matters to the Faculty, with input from key stakeholders solicited whenever appropriate.

Pröf. Overström (BBT) supported the inclusion of both the DoGS and the VPR as voting members, but was concerned about excluding the Director of CPE as a voting member of the committee given the magnitude of CPE’s current credit delivery. He pointed out that all graduate programs originate in individual departments, so the Faculty has control of those programs.

Dean Cyganski cited Systems Engineering, Fire Protection Engineering, and Power Systems Engineering as important programs delivered through CPE, and pointed out that the function of CPE is also to find audiences for and help modify programs that are suitable for corporate audiences. He believed that a representative of CPE should be retained as a member of CGSR to ensure good communication. Prof.
Demetriou pointed out that good communication on these issues can be achieved without voting membership.

Prof. McNeill echoed the sentiment that communication doesn’t need to equal a vote. He did not understand how, on the one hand, we say that CPE courses are no different than any other WPI graduate courses, but on the other hand, say that CPE needs special representation on CGSR. He also pointed out that our regular graduate students take online courses. So, in his view, there is not a distinct CPE interest that needs to be represented on CGSR, and two administrators provide sufficient representation on the committee.

Prof. Gatsonis (ME) agreed that CPE has a very distinct role in working with corporate audiences. However, he believed that the Faculty are concerned about the fact that in the past five or six years, CPE has overlapped into our academic activities. As he understands the accounting, CPE gets credit for all sections of courses delivered online, formally appoints faculty members to teach those sections, and conducts course evaluations that do not flow through the Dean’s office. Prof. Gatsonis interpreted the motion as just one way that faculty members have to express these concerns. He urged the Provost and the Deans to address these concerns by bringing academic programs back to academic offices.

Prof. Saeed (SS&PS) asked if the business wing of the university should be telling us how to deliver course content.

VP Flavin (VP, ACD) thought that the questions raised today were legitimate but would be better addressed with inclusion rather than exclusion. He affirmed his confidence in the VPR and Dean of Graduate Studies to represent the interests of CPE, but he felt strongly that a voting CPE representative on the committee would bring an important and beneficial perspective to CGSR’s deliberations.

Provost Bursten questioned the description of CPE as the business wing of WPI, and indicated that CPE reports to the Provost in his role as Chief Academic Officer. He thought it was outrageous that there was something to fear from mid-course evaluations, and expressed his view that the motion had become an all-out attack on CPE. He interpreted the remarks of Prof. Gatsonis and Prof. Saeed as having doubted the academic standards of CPE. Prof. Dominko pointed out that, according to WPI’s organizational chart, the Director of CPE reports to the VP of Academic and Corporate Development (ACD), and the VP of ACD does not report to the Provost. According to this structure, CPE is not part of any academic division of the university.

Prof. Richman urged anyone with further questions or comments to contact Prof. Gaudette (COG Chair), Prof. Dominko (COG Secretary) or Prof. Demetriou (CGSR Chair).

4. Committee Reports
Committee on Governance (COG)

Prof. Richman (ME), for the Committee on Governance, presented a report on WPI’s TTT/NTT credit-delivery balance from fall 2004 to spring 2015. (See Addendum #3 attached to the file copy of these minutes.)

Prof. Richman reviewed the four main elements of the Appendix D of the WPI Faculty Constitution:

- The tenured and tenure track (TTT) Faculty are committed to delivering a significant majority of the academic credit offered to WPI students.
- WPI meets this commitment by ensuring that the TTT Faculty grows at a rate commensurate with the growth of the University.
- Non-tenure track (NTT) faculty members enhance new and existing programs, and complement and expand scholarly expertise on campus.
- COG will present a report to the Faculty each year concerning the distribution of teaching done by TTT and NTT faculty members.
Prof. Richman explained that from fall 2004 to spring 2015 the total number of credits delivered at WPI increased by 54 percent while the TTT faculty headcount increased by 12 percent (from 217 to 243), the fraction of credits delivered by the TTTs decreased from 65 percent to 51 percent, and the number of credits delivered per TTT faculty member increased by 8 percent (from 332 to 359). In the same time period, the number of full time equivalent (FTE) NTTs increased by 91 percent (from 75 to 143), the fraction of credits delivered by the NTTs increased from 35 percent to 49 percent, and the number of credits delivered per (FTE) NTT faculty member increased by 13 percent (from 510 to 576). Prof. Richman also showed how (in 2014-2015) the fraction of credits delivered by TTTs varied from division to division and from department to department, and how the load per TTT faculty member varied by rank. He also pointed out that of the credits delivered by CPE (excluding the online credits that were incorporated into the main body of the report), 27 percent were delivered by TTT faculty members.

Prof. Richman also provided a preliminary glance at the current academic year, indicating that since the previous year the number of FTE undergraduate students had increased by 1.5% (from 4150 to 4213) and the number of FTE graduate students has increased by 6.4 percent (from 1284 to 1366), while the number of TTT’s has increased by 2.0 percent (from 243 to 248) and the number of FTE NTT’s has increased by 13.9 percent (from 143 to 163). These numbers suggest that the fraction of credits delivered by TTTs might be below 50 percent this year.

In response to a question from Prof. Heilman (CBC), Prof. Richman explained that according to standard IPEDS accounting, each part time NTT faculty member is counted as one-third of a full-time equivalent. Dean Heinricher indicated that a more careful calculation done at WPI several years ago demonstrated that the crude one-third conversion factor was actually quite accurate.

Prof Humi (MA) was concerned that the hiring of adjunct NTTs was not carefully vetted by members of the Faculty and that eventually this could do damage to our academic reputation. Prof. Richman reported that, of the 143 full-time equivalent NTTs, 93 are full-time and 150 are part-time. The guidelines in the Faculty Handbook do include formalized hiring procedures for full-time NTTs that involve relevant faculty oversight, but those guidelines do not include any procedures for hiring part-time NTTs.

Dean Wobbe (UG) pointed out that in the last few years, while the number of TTTs has increased, the number of credits taught per TTT faculty member has decreased. Dean Wobbe also pointed out that a way to increase the total number of credits delivered by TTTs is to increase the number of credits taught per TTT, and that this could be done, for example, by shifting some TTTs to larger enrollment classes.

Prof. Gericke (CBC) pointed out that the departments with the lowest percentages of credits delivered by TTTs are those (CBC, PH, MA) with large first-year enrollments. In his view, the fraction of credits delivered by TTTs does not amount to a pedagogical statement. However, he was concerned about the ratio of TTT faculty to (FTE) NTT faculty, which is currently equal to 1.7. He pointed out that the average score (4.35) for CBC faculty on question #2 of the course evaluations for first-year courses is quite high, while those courses are taught by a particularly high number of NTTs. Prof. Gericke described a number of scenarios in the CBC department in which it made sense – given his limited resources - to have NTTs teach higher enrollment courses. In his view, departmental data does not do justice to the complexity of the problem.

Prof. Richman emphasized that the data shown today is not meant to measure teaching quality. But the willingness of the TTT faculty to deliver a significant majority of our academic credits is a measure of the Faculty’s commitment to our students and to our institution. Prof. Richman also urged Department Heads to think beyond simply “making do” with the current number of TTTs, and instead to use the data to see that we need more TTTs to reach our teaching and research commitments realistically.
Prof. Fehribach (MA) was concerned that the credits delivered by TTTs could be increased by simply making sure that TTTs were placed in large enrollment classes. Prof. Richman agreed that, in principle, it might be possible to shift teaching assignments to increase the credits delivered by TTTs but that might be at odds with the funded research commitment in the Strategic Plan.

Prof. Rahbar (CEE) asked if we knew about national averages of TTT- and NTT-credit delivery at other universities. Prof. Richman had not collected that information, and explained that a problem is in deciding which schools against whom to benchmark, and then extracting this credit-delivery data from those institutions. Prof. Dominko (BBT) made the point that after applying just a few key institutional characteristics, there are actually only a few institutions against which we can compare ourselves.

Prof. Weekes (MA) pointed out that COG was presenting the data as required in the Faculty Handbook. She also emphasized that regardless of how we might benchmark against other institutions, the TTT faculty has documented its commitment to deliver a significant majority of our credits.

VP Flavin (ACD) pointed out that the CPE credits identified in the presentation did not include online credits. Prof. Richman clarified that this year, as always, COG included the online credits in the main body of the presentation. VP Sullivan (Asst. VP, Acad. Affairs) explained that the CPE credits identified in the COG report are those that are delivered off campus. VP Flavin thought that it was misleading to separate the on-line credits from the off-campus credits in measuring the credits delivered by CPE.

A motion to extend the meeting for ten minutes was seconded and passed.

Provost Bursten expressed his gratitude to the NTT faculty, whose efforts allow TTT faculty members to increase their productivity. He pointed out that the baseline year (2004-2005) of COG’s report was a time of financial difficulty at WPI. He reminded those in attendance that the commitment of both TTT and NTT faculty members was to deliver quality instruction to our students and to reach our strategic goals. He described a time while he was Dean at a large public university when the TTT faculty there responded to double-digit budget cuts by increasing the number of credits they delivered by 19 percent. Provost Bursten expressed his view that the statement in the Faculty Handbook that the “…TTT Faculty are committed to delivering a significant majority of the academic credit offered to WPI students” is sometimes not interpreted correctly. He pointed out that the credits delivered per TTT has decreased since 2009-2010 and he did not believe that the decrease was due entirely to the hiring of 95 assistant professors whose teaching loads are typically lighter than those of associate and full professors. He asked the TTT Faculty to show its commitment to delivering a significant majority of the credits. Finally, he pointed out that last year the TTTs grew by five, and the hope was to grow by another five next year.

6. Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Richman
Secretary of the Faculty

Addenda on file with these minutes:
1. COG-FAP Motion to modify FAP’s Membership, Charge, and Name – April 14, 2016
2. COG-CGSR Revision of CGSR’s Membership – April 14, 2016
3. COG-Report on WPI’s TTT/NTT Credit-Delivery Balance – April 14, 2016
**Date:** May 10, 2016  
**To:** WPI Faculty  
**From:** Committee on Academic Operations (Prof. Sturm, Chair)  
**RE:** Undergraduate Student Graduation List  
**This is a PENDING list for May 14, 2016. Please notify the Office of the Registrar if there are any questions or concerns at extension 5211**

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Date: May 10, 2016
To: WPI Faculty
From: Committee on Governance (Prof. Gaudette, Chair)
       Committee on Graduate Studies and Research (Prof. Demetriou, Chair)
Re: Motion to modify the membership of CGSR

Motion: The Committee on Governance (COG) and the Committee on Graduate Studies and Research (CGSR) recommend and I move that the description pertaining to membership composition of CGSR as written in the Faculty Handbook, Part One, Section Three, Bylaw One, Section IV be modified, as described below.

Proposed Description of CGSR Membership (additions are in bold, deletions are crossed out):

The Committee on Graduate Studies and Research (CGSR) consists of six elected Faculty Members, one graduate student, a representative of the Provost’s Office, and, ex officio, the Director of Continuing Education and two ex officio members: Vice Provost for Research and Dean of Graduate Studies.

Proposed Description of CGSR Membership (clean version):

The Committee on Graduate Studies and Research (CGSR) consists of six elected Faculty Members, one graduate student, and two ex officio members: Vice Provost for Research and Dean of Graduate Studies.

Rationale:
The current description of CGSR membership within the Faculty Handbook is out-of-date. When the description was last updated, the Dean of Graduate Studies and Research was the single individual in the Provost Office responsible for overseeing both graduate studies and research at WPI. In that role, the Dean of Graduate Studies and Research typically served as the Provost’s representative on CGSR. This single position in the Provost Office is now separated into two full-time positions: the Vice Provost for Research (VPR), and the Dean of Graduate Studies (DoGS). However, according to the Faculty Handbook, only one of the two could serve as a voting member of CGSR. In order to reflect this change in administrative responsibilities, the natural modification in CGSR’s membership is to include both the VPR and the DoGS as voting members.

The current description of CGSR’s responsibilities in the Faculty Handbook is as follows:

CGSR is concerned with all post-baccalaureate programs of the College, and reviews and recommends changes in WPI policies on goals, student recruitment, admissions, academic standards, teaching and research assistantships, scholarships and fellowships. It also makes recommendations to the Faculty and Administration on new graduate programs and changes in programs and courses. The Committee acts on admission of graduate students to degree candidacy, dismissal for failure to meet academic standards, and student petitions on academic matters. It brings to the Faculty for action the names of students who it has determined are eligible for post-baccalaureate degrees. The
Committee reviews and recommends changes in policy on the funding, promotion, and conduct of research at WPI.

These issues continue to be central to the interests of the Faculty at WPI and should fall well within the responsibilities of the Dean of Graduate Studies and the VPR. The proposed modification to the CGSR composition is consistent with this portfolio, while it includes multiple important viewpoints on decisions and maintains the current committee size and balance between elected faculty committee-members and non-elected committee-members. Naturally, CGSR will continue its practice of inviting key stakeholders, including representatives from Corporate and Professional Education, to meetings when issues requiring their specific areas of expertise are discussed.

Implementation:
Appendix:

Consent Agenda Items

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Date: May 10, 2016
To: WPI Faculty
From: Committee on Academic Operations (Prof. Sturm, Chair)
Re: Motion to modify the requirements for a Minor in Music

**Motion:** On behalf of the Department of Humanities and Arts, the Committee on Academic Operations recommends and I move that the requirements for the completion a minor in music be changed to allow students to fulfill their requirements with capstones in areas of music that could include music history, theory, or technology as well as performance, as described below.

**Description of the Proposed Change:**

**Current Description**

The minor in Music is for students who choose to continue their studies in Music beyond the Humanities and Arts Requirement without majoring in Music. Students who, for personal or career purposes, wish to achieve official recognition of their achievements in Music, yet do not find the time to fulfill the requirements for the major, should consider the Music minor option. Interested students should speak with one of the music faculty in the Department of Humanities and Arts. Because performance is an integral component of music study, the proposed minor will contain performance emphasis and consist of two units of work distributed as follows:

1. 1/3 unit for participation in MU IS/P Ensembles.
2. 1/3 unit Performance IS/P as the capstone experience. A student, with faculty guidance, will present a recital, original composition, or other musical performance that demonstrates the student's skill and knowledge.
3. 1 1/3 units of music courses.
4. If a student completes his/her Humanities and Arts Requirement in music, 1 unit of that work may be applied to the minor except for the final IS/P.
5. A student who is pursuing a major in Humanities and Arts with music as the major field cannot also receive a minor in music.

**Proposed Description:**

The Minor in Music is for students who choose to continue their studies in Music beyond the Humanities and Arts Requirement without pursuing a Concentration in Music. Students who, for personal or career purposes, wish to achieve official recognition of their achievements in Music, yet do not find the time to fulfill the
requirements for the Concentration, should consider the Music Minor option. The Music Minor consists of two units of work distributed as follows:

1. 1 2/3 units of music courses.
2. 1/3 unit ISP as a final capstone experience. Students, with faculty guidance, will complete a project which could consist of a paper, composition, arrangement, performance, or other project designed in consultation with the faculty advisor.
3. Students may receive no more than 2/3 units from Music Ensembles (MU 2631, MU 2632, MU 2633, MU 2634, MU 2635, MU 2636, MU 2637, MU 2638).
4. If a student completes the Humanities and Arts Requirement in music 1 unit of that work may be applied to the minor except the final Seminar or Practicum.
5. A student who is pursuing a Major in Humanities and Arts with Music as the Concentration cannot also receive a Minor in Music.

Rationale:
When the Minor in Music was instituted the focus of the program was performance. The program, however, has since expanded to include three Professors in Music Technology and one Professor in Music History with several new courses offered in those areas. The current description requires a student to “...present a recital, original composition, or other musical performance that demonstrates the student’s skill and knowledge.”

Many students would like the opportunity to continue to study music after completing the Humanities and Arts seminar or practicum by completing a minor in music that relates to other areas and not be limited to performance. The Music Division would like to change the language so that students with their capstone advisor’s input, could design their own capstone projects and not be bound by the presentation of a performance.
Date: May 10, 2016
To: WPI Faculty
From: Committee on Academic Operations (Prof. Sturm, Chair)
Re: Motion to add DS 3001 Foundations of Data Science

Motion: On behalf of the Data Science program, the Committee on Academic Operations recommends, and I move that DS 3001 Foundations of Data Science, as described below, be added.

Proposed Course Description:
DS 3001 Foundations of Data Science
Cat. I
This course provides an introduction to the core ideas in Data Science. It covers a broad range of methodologies for working with and making informed decisions based on real-world data. Core topics introduced in this course include data collection, data management, statistical learning, data mining, data visualization, cloud computing, and business intelligence. Students will acquire experience with big data problems through hands-on projects using real-world data sets.

Recommended background for this course includes statistics knowledge equivalent to MA2611 and MA2612, linear algebra equivalent to MA2071, and the ability to program equivalent to (CS 1004 or CS 1101 or CS 1102) and (CS 2102 or CS 2119).

This course does not fulfill Mathematics, Basic Science or Engineering Science/Design credits.

Note: Currently, there are no DS courses at the undergraduate level. However, DS is an approved course indicator, currently used at the graduate level.

Anticipated Instructors: Most faculty in the Data Science program would be able to teach this course, in particular, Prof. Fatemeh Emdad, Prof. Xiangnan Kong, Prof. Yanhua Li, Prof. Randy Paffenroth, Prof. Carolina Ruiz, and Prof. Elke Rundensteiner.

Rationale:
The ability to extract useful information from large volumes of data is becoming increasingly important in many disciplines from sciences to engineering. While individual courses in Mathematical Sciences, Computer Sciences and in the School of Business offer some of the discipline-specific techniques essential for Data Science, this DS3001 course, entitled Foundations of Data Science, now provides for the integration of the diverse set of core topics in Data Science in a comprehensive fashion. It offers opportunity for the students to learn and practice interdisciplinary Data Science skills using hands-on projects using real-world data sets.
**Resource Needs:** No additional resources are needed beyond what is already available. Four faculty members have been hired within the last two years specifically for the Data Science program. Any one of those four faculty member, as well as several existing faculty associated with the Data Science program, are anticipated to teach this course on a rotating basis.

**Impact on Distribution Requirements:** No impact on distribution requirements. This course is part of the new DS Minor being proposed. It is currently not cross-listed with other majors.

**Implementation Date:** Implementation date for this action is the 2016-17 academic year, with DS 3001 expected to be offered in D term.
Motion: On behalf of the Data Science program, the Committee on Academic Operations recommends, and I move that a Minor in Data Science, as described below, be added.

The Minor in Data Science will consist of 2 units, all of which must be selected from the list of approved Data Science minor courses. These 2 units must be selected to include the following:

- Three courses, one from each of the three areas (Business, Computer Science, Mathematical Sciences) at the 2000 level or above from the list of approved Data Science minor courses
- Two courses at the 3000 level or above, as follows:
  - DS 3001 Foundations of Data Science
  - Any other 3000 level or above course from the list of approved Data Science minor courses
- One course at any level selected from the list of approved Data Science minor courses

The Minor in Data Science is open to all undergraduate majors at WPI. Students majoring in Business, Computer Science, or Mathematical Sciences should consult WPI rules on minors for double-counting courses.

List of Approved Courses for the Data Science Minor
Any graduate course approved for the Data Science graduate program can also be counted towards the Data Science minor. These courses are not repeated here.

Data Science courses:
- DS 3001 Foundations of Data Science

Business courses:
- BUS 2080 Data Analysis for Decision Making
- MIS 3720 Business Data Management
- MKT 3650 Consumer Behavior
- OIE 3420 Quality Planning: Design and Control
- OIE 3460 Simulation Modeling and Analysis
- ACC 4200 Managing Performance: Internal and Inter-organizational Perspectives
- OIE 4420 Practical Optimization: Methods and Applications
**Computer Science courses:**

- CS 1004 Introduction to Programming for Non-Majors
- CS 1101 Introduction to Program Design*
- CS 1102 Accelerated Introduction to Program Design*
- CS 2102 Object-Oriented Design Concepts
- CS 2119 Application Building with Object-Oriented Concepts
- CS 2223 Algorithms
- CS 2301 Systems Programming for Non-majors
- CS 2303 Systems Programming Concepts
- CS 3431 Database Systems I
- CS 4120 Analysis of Algorithms
- CS 4341 Introduction to Artificial Intelligence
- CS 4432 Database Systems II
- CS 4445 Data Mining and Knowledge Discovery in Databases
- CS 4802 Biovisualization
- CS 4803 Biological and Biomedical Database Mining

**Mathematical Sciences courses:**

- MA 2071 Linear Algebra
- MA 2611 Applied Statistics I
- MA 2612 Applied Statistics II
- MA 2621 Probability for Applications†
- MA 2631 Probability†
- MA 3231 Linear Programming
- MA 3627 Introduction to the Design and Analysis of Experiments
- MA 3631 Mathematical Statistics
- MA 4213 Loss Models – Risk Theory
- MA 4214 Loss Models – Survival Models
- MA 4235 Mathematical Optimization
- MA 4237 Probabilistic Methods in Operations Research
- MA 4631 Probability and Mathematical Statistics I
- MA 4632 Probability and Mathematical Statistics II

* Credit may not be earned for both CS 1101 and CS 1102
† Credit may not be earned for both MA 2621 and MA 2631

**Rationale:**
The ability to extract useful information from large volumes of data is becoming increasingly important in many disciplines. The Minor in Data Science is thus designed to provide WPI undergraduates in any major with the tools essential to understand and
work with data by applying models, algorithms and statistical techniques to data. The minor complements many of the existing undergraduate majors at WPI from sciences to engineering that increasingly must work with large digital data sets using computational and statistical techniques and tools by providing these students with the core competencies of Data Science.

**Resource Needs:** No additional resources required for the Minor in Data Science. Four faculty have been hired in the last two years specifically for the Data Science program. Thus there is sufficient expertise and time available collectively to administer this minor – in particular, as it lines up well with the WPI strategic plan concerning thrust areas.

**Impact on distribution requirements:** No impact on distribution requirements.

**Implementation Date:** Implementation date for this action is the 2016-17 academic year.
Date: May 10, 2016
To: WPI Faculty
From: Committee on Graduate Studies and Research (Prof. Demetriou, Chair)
Re: Motion to add ME 5225 (Fiber Optical Sensors)

Motion: On behalf of the Mechanical Engineering Department, the Committee on Graduate Studies and Research recommends and I move that ME 5225 (Fiber Optical Sensors) be added, as described below.

Proposed Course Description:

ME 5225 Fiber Optical Sensors (Cat. II, term-based course, 2 credits)
This course is designed to introduce students to the field of fiber optics, with an emphasis on design and working principles of fiber optical sensors for mechanical, biological, and chemical measurements. It covers basic knowledge and working principles of optical fibers and fiber optical components, as well as practical design guidelines and applications of fiber optical sensing systems. The first half of the course will introduce different aspects of fiber optics, including working principles of optical fibers, single-mode and multimode fibers, properties of optical fibers, passive fiber optical devices, light sources, and optical detectors. The second half of the course will focus on various fiber optical sensors and sensing systems, including working principles of fiber optical sensors, intensity-based and interferometer-based fiber optical sensors, fiber Bragg gratings, low-coherence fiber optical interferometers. Specifically, design and implementation of fiber optical sensors and sensing systems for strain and pressure measurements will be discussed in detail. Measurement characteristics and signal processing of fiber optical sensing systems for different applications will be introduced.
Recommended Background: ES2502, PH1140. ME 4506 is preferred but not required.

Rationale: Fiber optical sensors have been used in a broad range of applications to measure temperature, strain, pressure, sound, and chemicals. Fiber optical sensors have been used in almost every discipline in science and engineering, thanks to their small size, low cost, robustness to the environment, immunity to electromagnetic interference, and available technology and devices in industry. In fact, the market size of fiber optical sensors is expected to reach $1 billion in 2019. Fiber optical sensors have been routinely used for applications such as health monitoring of dams and bridges.

There is currently no existing course in the WPI curriculum specifically focusing on fiber optics, neither at undergraduate nor at graduate levels, although several faculty members do use optical fibers in their research in the departments of Mechanical Engineering, Biomedical Engineering, and Biology & Biotechnology. This proposed advanced course connects many topics in emerging areas of research, and therefore, it is appropriate for the graduate level. Students in ME/AE/MTE/CE/ECE/BME/BB will potentially be interested in such an offering as it intimately connects fiber optical sensors to mechanics and biological sciences. This course can help students to find positions in industry that require...
knowledge related with fiber optics. The enrollment and course evaluation of this course in the past are shown below:

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**Resources and Anticipated Instructors:** Professor Yuxiang Liu will be the primary instructor for the course. This course has been built in the regular teaching load of Prof. Yuxiang Liu. This course will use existing equipment available in Prof. Yuxiang Liu’s lab for lab sessions and projects. No particular library resources are needed for this category. Library database such as Web of Science is available through WPI website. No special software is necessary for this course.

**Enrollment Data**
Based on data from ME 593 Fiber Optics (2013-14D, 2015-16B) offerings, this course is expected to enroll 10-30 students.

**Assessment**
The course will meet two days per week, with a total meeting time of 200 minutes (equivalent to four 50-minute meetings). Homework, exams, project reports, and project presentations will be used to assess student performance.

**Implementation Date:** Implementation date for this action is the 2016-2017 academic year.
**Date:** May 10, 2016  
**To:** WPI Faculty  
**From:** Committee on Graduate Studies and Research (Prof. Demetriou, Chair)  
**Re:** Motion to eliminate five ME graduate courses

**Motion:** On behalf of the Mechanical Engineering Department, the Committee on Graduate Studies and Research recommends and I move that the following ME graduate courses be eliminated.

**Course to be eliminated, and page numbers from 2015-2016 Graduate Catalog:**

- *ME 5327/CE 527 - Impact Strength of Materials (3 credits) - pg. 149*  
- †ME/MTE/BME 554 - Composites with Biomedical and Materials Applications (3 credits) - pg. 151  
- ‡ME/BME 558 - Biofluids and Biotransport (3 credits) - pg. 151  
- ME 611 - Turbulence (3 credits) - pg. 146  
- ME 641 - Cam Design (3 credits) - pg. 150  

*Removal of this course has been approved by both ME and CE  
†Removal of this course has been approved by three departments: ME; MTE; and BME  
‡Removal of this course has been approved by both ME and BME

**Rationale:**
The elimination of these five courses is a recognition that none of them have been offered in at least the last five years.

ME 5327, ME 611, and ME 641 are courses that were developed specifically for and taught by faculty members with specialties in those areas who are no longer members of the WPI Faculty.

ME 554 and ME 558 were intended primarily for graduate students in BME, and the ME department no longer has faculty members whose focus areas overlap with these course topics.

**Resource Needs:** No additional resources are needed.

**Impact on Distribution Requirements:**
Eliminating these courses will not affect any degree requirements because none of the courses were required for either the M.S. of Ph.D. degrees in mechanical engineering. Furthermore, because these courses have not been offered in at least five years, eliminating will have no real effect on the range of courses that graduate students have to choose from.

**Implementation Date:** Implementation date for this action is the 2016-2017 Academic year.
Date: May 10, 2016
To: WPI Faculty
From: Committee on Graduate Studies and Research (Prof. Demetriou, Chair)
Re: Motion to remove three BME graduate courses

Motion: On behalf of the Department of Biomedical Engineering, the Committee on Graduate Studies and Research recommends and I move that the following three (3) courses be removed from the WPI Graduate Catalog.

BME/ME/MTE 554. Composites with Biomedical and Materials Applications

BME/ME 558. Biofluids and Biotransport

BME 582. Principles of In Vivo Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Imaging

Rationale:

BME/ME/MTE 554 and BME/ME 558 have not been offered since Spring semesters 2011 and 2006, respectively. The BME department has no plans to offer the course in the future, and the Mechanical Engineering Graduate Committee confirmed that they have no plans to offer these two cross-listed courses in the future.

BME 582 has not been offered since before 2010 and the BME department does not plan to offer it in the future.

Impact on Distribution Requirements:
The removal of these courses from the catalog will not impact the ability of Biomedical Engineering graduate students to fulfill their degree requirements.

Resource Needs: No additional resources are needed.

Implementation Date: Implementation date for this action is the 2016-2017 Academic year.