

**University of Pittsburgh Senate
Tenure and Academic Freedom Standing Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2012
Room 1201 Cathedral of Learning**

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Rose Constantino at 10:07AM in 1201 CL. The minutes from the November, 2012 meeting was unanimously approved.

2. Welcome and roll call:

Present: Rose Constantino, Lisa Borghesi, Barry Gold, John Mendeloff, Maria Kovacs, Rebecca Hughey, John Kirkwood, Rakesh Sindhi, Thomas Smitherman, and Carey Balaban.

3. Updates:

Carey Balaban provided a brief update of TAFC cases that reached him. Re-stated the role of this committee and what constitutes university policy (based on principles of shared governance). Tom Smitherman provided a brief historical overview of the administrative- and committee-level background (dating to the 1990s) to issues that are coming to TAFC.

4. Sub-Committee reports:

a. Mendeloff/Hughey. One case from the Medical School was presented regarding due process in the context of research integrity. Next steps were discussed and the basic policy issues at play were identified.

b. Borghesi for Federspiel/Frank. Update on one promotion and tenure case from the School of Arts and Sciences.

c. Borghesi: update on movement of cases – one progressed to the Provost.

5. Revised TAFC Mission statement: Further discussion will be conducted by email.

6. Matters Arising: The next meeting will be in January.

7. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:34 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Kovacs

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