

Committee on Governance: Minutes

Meeting #27: May 5, 2020

Faculty Governance Branch Offices

Present: Kris Boudreau (Secretary, HUA), Tanja Dominko (Secretary of the Faculty, BBT), Tahar El-Korchi (CEE), Glenn Gaudette (BME), Arne Gericke (CBC), Mark Richman (ME), Sue Roberts (ChE), and Wole Soboyejo (Provost). Everybody was here; something must be up.

1. Prof. Gaudette called the meeting to order at 2:05; the agenda was approved.
2. The minutes from meeting #26 were discussed at some reasonable length; the vote on approving the minutes was tabled until next week's COG meeting.
3. COVID-related CAP motions on grading projects. Prof. Gaudette summarized changes to the D-term 2020 grade change policy for projects since last week's COG discussion of the earlier proposal: HUA capstones (HU 3900 and 3910) have now been included in the motion; HUA gallstones will Pass on their own. COG's recommended changes to the requirements for high distinction were not accepted by CAP. The revised motion was unanimously approved and will be brought to the May 7 faculty meeting.
4. Proposal to elevate Robotics Engineering to a department. The Provost introduced the motion and gave his endorsement. COG discussed questions about resources, dual and collaborative appointments, and long-term commitments to RBE and the original home departments. COG recommended the following revisions to the proposal: more explicit description of resources needed; clarification about continuing teaching obligations to original home departments (indicating that 1-2 courses *per person per year* will continue to be taught there until replacements are hired); specifying that the Heads of affected department have all been consulted and support the proposal; and a careful check of the faculty list on p. 8 for accurate affiliations and ranks. Prof. Gaudette will forward these suggestions to the originators. COG voted unanimously to approve the motion, pending revisions.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Boudreau
Secretary, COG