

Committee on Governance: Minutes

Meeting #9: November 11, 2019

Kaven Hall 111B

Present: Kris Boudreau (Secretary of COG, HUA, on the tambourine), Tanja Dominko (Secretary of the Faculty, BBT, lead vocals), Tartare El-Korchi (CEE, playing the oud), Glenn Gaudette (BME, backstage manager), Arne Gericke (CBC, auf der Schuhplattler), Mark Richman (ME, sounding the shofar), and Wole Soboyejo (Provost, on drums).

1. Prof. Gaudette called the meeting to order at 11:36; the agenda was approved with a conditional modification to be made pending the possible arrival of the Provost.
2. The minutes from meeting #8 were approved with changes.
3. In the absence of the Provost, a food fight broke out and was contained just in time for the Provost's arrival. Grapes, cubes of cheese, and any other foodstuff that might be used as projectiles will no longer be served.
4. Update on Search Committee for Dean of Global School: Prof. Gaudette shared the results of the election of three faculty representatives. COG members discussed the process of constituting the remainder of this search committee and considered a wide range of possible choices for committee appointees. As in past searches and according to the Faculty Handbook, the President, Provost, and COG will collaborate on the remaining appointments, which consist of two student representatives, one faculty representative from COG, one faculty representative from the Provost, and two additional appointees from the President. The composition of the search committee and the selection of its chair will be decided collaboratively in a meeting between the Secretary of the Faculty, Chair of COG, President, and Provost. As in past years, the two student representatives will be chosen from a list provided by the VP of Student Affairs; COG will ask that these two positions be filled by one undergraduate and one graduate student. After discussing the kinds of faculty needed to balance the search committee, COG arrived at a ranked list of potential representatives that can be used when working with the Provost and the President to finalize the search committee membership.
5. Update on Student Course Evaluations: Prof. Gaudette asked the Provost whether anyone has spoken to him about finding an online place for the results of the online student course evaluations? The numerical results (dating back to A-Term 2018 when we converted to online evaluations) have been compiled and need a place to be posted for dissemination to all students and faculty members. Given that the faculty voted to accept a 3-year trial period for online course evaluations, COG agreed on the necessity of developing a process to collect and make available these data.
6. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Boudreau
Secretary, COG