

Committee on Governance Meeting Minutes
Meeting #18 (2016-17)
Monday, January 30, 2017, 12:15 pm – 1:45 pm
Faculty Governance Conference Room, SL 225

In Attendance: Leonard Albano (Secretary), Tanja Dominko (Chair), Glenn Gaudette, Eleanor Loiacono, Mark Richman and Suzanne Weekes

Absent: Provost Bruce Bursten

Guests: Lauren Mathews (Chair, UOAC) and David Olinger (CAP & UOAC)

1. The meeting was called to order at 12:19 pm.
2. The agenda was approved as modified.
3. CAP Motion to modify the membership of UOAC
Prof. Mathews and Olinger and the members of COG discussed CAP's motion to modify the membership of the Undergraduate Outcomes Assessment Committee (UOAC). The discussion focused on the rationale for adding the Director of Institutional Research (DIR) as a voting member of UOAC. COG had previously considered this proposed change in UOAC membership and recommended that the DIR participate on UOAC as an invited guest. Prof. Mathews and Olinger pointed out that the current DIR has been attending the UOAC's meetings since her arrival at WPI, and the UOAC values the support that the DIR can provide in the design and implementation of instruments for outcomes assessment, as well as in the collection of data. Including the DIR as a voting member would formalize the DIR's participation on the UOAC with the expectation that such involvement would then fall within the DIR's recognized responsibilities.

Prof. Mathews and Olinger left the meeting at 1:05 pm.

Discussion of the motion continued. The point was made that in the spirit of collaboration with the Administration and in this particular case, the addition of the DIR would be appropriate. The remaining discussion revolved around the question of whether or not administrators had to be included as voting members of Faculty Governance committees in order for these administrators to provide the information and support those committees require. In addition, it was noted that the DIR reports to Kristen Tichenor, Senior VP; therefore, Ms. Tichenor should be included in the discussion of the DIR's formal responsibilities.

A motion was made to support CAP's proposal to modify the membership of UOAC pending confirmation from the Senior VP that the DIR's responsibilities include active participation on the UOAC. The motion was approved.

4. Update on ballots for election of new members to Faculty committees
Committee members reported that they have started reaching out to colleagues to develop a preliminary list of Faculty interested and willing to serve if elected.
5. The Minutes from Meeting #17 (January 23rd) were approved with revisions.
6. The meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm.

Respectfully,
Len Albano, Secretary