

Committee on Governance Meeting Minutes
Meeting #21 (2016-17)
Monday, February 20, 2017, 12:15 pm– 1:45 pm
Faculty Governance Conference Room, SL 225

Members: Leonard Albano (Secretary), Provost Bruce Bursten, Tanja Dominko (Chair), Glenn Gaudette, Eleanor Loiacono, Mark Richman and Suzanne Weekes

1. The meeting was called to order at 12:17 pm.
2. The agenda was approved with amendments.
3. The Minutes from Meeting #20 (February 13th) were approved as amended.
4. Prof. Dominko distributed a draft of this year's Report to the Faculty on TTT/NTT Teaching Distribution. The report follows the format from last year with data updated through the 2015-16 academic year, and it will be presented at the March Faculty Meeting. Although the data is incomplete in certain areas of the report, the data for the 2015-16 academic year indicates an increase in the total academic credits delivered and a decrease in the percent of academic credits delivered by tenured and tenure-track (TTT) Faculty. These data reflect a continuation of the trends that have been observed for the past several years. In 2015-16, TTT Faculty delivered only 49 percent of the total number of academic credits delivered to all WPI students, and this is in conflict with the TTT Faculty's commitment to deliver a significant majority of the total academic credit (Faculty Handbook, Part One, Appendix D). Hiring levels for TTT Faculty since 2004 have not kept pace with the rate of student growth because of offsetting losses due to retirements and other departures. Therefore, a non-incremental approach to hiring TTT Faculty is needed for appreciable growth in the size of the Faculty. Limited academic space and limited resources for start-up packages were discussed as constraints on a non-incremental approach to hiring TTT Faculty. Committee members expressed their concerns that a goal for the size of the TTT Faculty that is commensurate with the institution's growth and strategic plan must first be established, and then the resource needs can be addressed as part of the strategy for achieving the goal. Prof. Dominko will contact Assistant VP Kris Sullivan for the data necessary to complete the report, and discussion of the report within COG will continue.
5. The meeting adjourned at 1:53 pm.

Respectfully,
Len Albano, Secretary