

Committee on Governance Meeting Minutes
Meeting #23 (2016-17)
Monday, March 13, 2017, 12:15 pm – 1:45 pm
Faculty Governance Conference Room, SL 225

In Attendance: Leonard Albano (Secretary), Provost Bruce Bursten, Tanja Dominko (Chair), Glenn Gaudette, Eleanor Loiacono, Mark Richman, David Spanagel, and Suzanne Weekes.

1. The meeting was called to order at 12:20 pm.
2. Committee members welcomed Prof. Spanagel, who was elected to fill a current vacancy.
3. The agenda was approved as distributed.
4. The Minutes from Meeting #22 (February 27th) were approved.
5. The committee finalized the preliminary ballots for the upcoming elections to standing committees of the Faculty.

Prof. Loiacono left at 12:40 pm.

6. Prof. Dominko reminded the committee that in addition to preparing the ballots and conducting the elections for the standing committees of the Faculty, COG will need to replace some of its representatives on Faculty-Appointed Committees. This process should begin before the end of the current academic year.
7. The committee discussed an updated version of this year's Report to the Faculty on TTT/NTT Teaching Distribution, which will be presented at the March 16 Faculty Meeting. The updates included data on the number of credits delivered and the percentage of credits delivered by TTT and NTT faculty members in each Division (Arts and Sciences, Engineering, Business, etc.) and in each Department. Data on the breakdown of the credits attributed to CPE (corporate and online) was also added, and the corresponding TTT and NTT percentages will be added before the Faculty meeting.

Provost Bursten arrived at 12:55 pm, and Prof. Richman arrived at 1:00 pm.

Elements of the Report were reviewed and adjusted to be sure that the data is presented in a consistent manner. The focus of the meeting then shifted to the open discussion that will be stimulated by the following questions: *How can WPI meet its commitment to increase the TTT Faculty at a rate commensurate with the University's recent growth? What is the goal for the size of the TTT Faculty? And, how will we get there?* There was a discussion as to whether the COG report to the Faculty on March 16 should also include a report from the Provost and the COG Subcommittee on Faculty Growth about its work thus far. There was agreement that the COG report to the Faculty could include a preliminary target of 40 to 50 additional TTT faculty members.

Provost Bursten left at 1:50 pm.

However, because the Provost and the COG subcommittee had not yet completed a growth plan or presented to COG, it was decided that it would not be appropriate at this time to include the Provost's and the COG subcommittee's work in COG's report to the Faculty.

8. The meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm.

Respectfully,
Len Albano, Secretary