

Committee on Governance Meeting Minutes
Meeting #24 (2016-17)
Monday, March 20, 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 12:15 pm.
2. The agenda was approved as distributed.
3. Announcements
 - i. The committee will solicit TTT faculty members to fill the upcoming vacancies on the five committees of the Board of Trustees. Two names for each vacancy must be submitted to the Board by its May meeting. In addition to soliciting volunteers, recruiting members of standing Committees of the Faculty was discussed as a means to facilitate the flow of information between the Board's committees and Faculty Governance.
 - ii. Prof. Richman has been contacting the individual faculty members who are on the preliminary ballots for the standing Committees of the Faculty to confirm each nominee's willingness to serve. Two faculty members expressed limitations on their service, and as a result, COG modified the slate of candidates for two committees.
4. The Minutes from Meeting #23 (March 13th) were approved as amended.
5. Report of the Provost and COG Subcommittee on Faculty Growth
The committee discussed the feedback that was received on the Report to the Faculty on TTT/NTT Teaching Distribution, which was presented at the March 16 Faculty Meeting. Feedback from faculty members on the need for additional TTT Faculty to meet the core missions of the academic departments and to contribute to initiatives that advance WPI was noted. Progress on the plan for faculty growth was discussed, including possible strategies for addressing the resource challenges. The Provost and the COG Subcommittee on Faculty Growth indicated that they should be able to give a presentation to COG in April.
6. Report of the Provost on Academic Administrative Structure
Provost Bursten stated that he has prioritized his work with the Subcommittee on Faculty Growth, and the roles of the Academic Deans are tied in with the plan for faculty growth.
7. The meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm.

Respectfully,
Len Albano, Secretary