Committee on Governance Meeting Minutes
Meeting #7 (2016-17)
Monday, October 10th, 2016, 12:00 noon – 1:00 pm
Faculty Governance Conference Room (SL 225)

Present: Leonard Albano, Provost Bruce Bursten, Tanja Dominko (Chair), Glenn Gaudette, Eleanor Loiacono, Mark Richman, Elizabeth Ryder (Secretary), Suzanne Weekes
Invited Guest: Prof. Mayer Humi (Chair, CAP)

1. The meeting was called to order at 12:03.

2. The agenda was accepted as distributed.

3. Announcements
   - The ballot to elect faculty representatives to the Search Committee for Dean of Arts and Sciences has been distributed; ballots are due by Wednesday, Oct 12.
   
   - Prof. Weekes and Prof. Gaudette agreed to be considered by the Board of Trustees for selection as the appointee to the Academic Policy Committee (APC).

Provost Bursten left the meeting at 12:15.

   - COG meetings for B term will be from 11:30 am -1:00 pm on Mondays. Our next meeting will be 10/24/2016.

   - COG will discuss COAP’s request for formation of a working group on promotion procedures at our next meeting.

   - There have been many complaints about new regulations on the use of P-cards. Prof. Dominko stated that this matter would be considered by FAP. Prof Gaudette asked that this be handled ASAP.

4. Meeting minutes #6 from October 3rd, 2016 were approved as amended, pending approval by the Provost.

5. Consideration of CAP motion to amend the language describing the membership of the Undergraduate Outcomes Assessment Committee (UOAC) (Prof. Mayer Humi)

   CAP appoints one faculty member to the UOAC. Currently, the appointed faculty member must be a CAP member as well. This restriction was put in place with the idea of having a liaison between the two committees. However, typically there are other members of CAP who are also on UOAC, so CAP wanted to change the language so that the faculty member appointed to UOAC need not be a member of CAP. COG voted to support this change (7 in favor, 1 absent), and suggested including in the motion language stating that the appointed faculty member would act as a liaison between the two committees.
UOAC recommended addition of the Director of Institutional Research to UOAC as a voting member. UOAC felt the data and analysis provided by the Director would be critical to their discussions, and wanted the Director to attend meetings. However, most COG members felt that the Director should be an invited guest rather than a voting member. Data might be critical to many faculty committees, but the Director would not need to be a member of every committee. COG voted to recommend that the Director be an invited guest, with 6 in favor, 1 absent, and 1 opposed.

6. Continuation - DRAFT Motion to revise COAP’s membership, election process, and responsibilities

COG considered and recommended a number of changes to the motion regarding COAP’s membership, election process, and responsibilities.

Prof. Weekes left the meeting at 12:55.

There was discussion regarding the role of the nominator and advocate in the promotion process. The draft motion proposed that the nominator and advocate should be voting members of the Promotion Committee, similar to members of the DTC joining CTAF members to form a joint committee for tenure decisions. However, some people felt this seemed to ‘stack’ the committee in favor of promotion, since the nominator and advocate would clearly vote in favor of the candidate (which is not always true in the case of the DTC and tenure). Currently, the nominator and advocate may be present only for a short time at the first of the two COAP deliberations on the candidate. A compromise was suggested, wherein the nominator and advocate would be non-voting members of the Promotion Committee, and would be present throughout the two meetings, except perhaps for some deliberation at the end of the second meeting. Conferring with current and former COAP members on this process was suggested. No decision was made on the language to be included in the motion. COG will finalize its recommendations at its next meeting and forward the proposal to COAP.

7. The meeting was adjourned 1:40.