

Dear WPI Community,

In January, a group of dedicated WPI faculty members, administrators, and trustees began working together through the Bylaws & Governance Working Group (BGWG). They undertook a collective dialogue aimed at addressing concerns surrounding governance, WPI's bylaws, and pathways for more effective collaboration.

Last week, the voting faculty overwhelmingly endorsed the BGWG report. Earlier today, I am pleased to report that the WPI Board of Trustees unanimously endorsed the recommendations of the BGWG, and approved updates to WPI's bylaws in line with those recommendations.

I encourage you to read the specifics of the report and bylaw changes [here](#). The updated bylaws will go into effect on May 15, 2019.

On behalf of the entire Board of Trustees, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the BGWG—Trustee Andy Aberdale, Professor Jim Cocola, Secretary of the Faculty and Professor Tanja Dominko, Trustee Marni Hall, Professor Steve Kmiotek, President and BGWG Chair Laurie Leshin, Professor Mark Richman, and Provost Wole Soboyejo. This group dedicated significant time, energy, and talent to this critical work on behalf of WPI. We all have them to thank for the great progress we can celebrate today.

Next, I want to thank the WPI faculty. Through increased interactions over these past months, the Trustees have gained greater appreciation for your candor and dedication, which are so critical to our current and ongoing success. The Board welcomes the opportunity to continue to strengthen our relationships as we advance our work together to benefit the entire WPI community.

Finally, I look forward to the work ahead. In addition to some immediate changes codified in the WPI bylaws and the BGWG report, the next year will be crucial for cementing our commitment to more effective collaboration. The Board is unified in our support for our progress and looks forward to continued work together to address the actions laid out in the BGWG report.

So, while there is more to do, today marks a moment for us all to pause and celebrate the successful steps that we have taken together as a community. Let us build upon this successful framework of collaboration as we push forward on the critical priorities that will sustain WPI for generations.

Sincerely,

Jack Mollen, Chairman
WPI Board of Trustees