

Committee on Governance: Minutes
Meeting #24: April 4, 2023
Faculty Governance Conference Room, SL 225
1:00pm – 2:30pm

Present: Len Albano (Chair, CEAE), Althea Danielski (HUA), George Heineman (CS), Art Heinricher (Special Assistant to the Provost), Suzanne LePage (CEAE), Mark Richman (Secretary of the Faculty, AE), Wole Soboyejo (Provost), Diane Strong (President's appointment, WBS), Karen Troy (BME)

1. Chair Albano called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.
2. Minutes for Meetings #23 were discussed and approved with changes.
3. Reorganized Faculty Handbook
Prof. Richman shared a draft motion for discussion at the April 18th Faculty meeting to adopt the reorganized Faculty Handbook. COG encouraged Prof. Richman to share with the WPI faculty a clean document containing the current reorganized faculty handbook together with this motion. The intention is to continue to solicit feedback via email as well as after the April 18th Faculty meeting, to lead to a final vote on May 9th.

COG suggested it would be useful to hold open meetings, possibly at the Quorum, for faculty to drop in to discuss and provide feedback on the reorganized handbook.
4. Faculty Elections
COG, CTAF and COG elections will complete shortly; now COG will reach out individually to secured faculty members to encourage participation in Faculty governance.
5. Strategic Priorities
Chair Albano shared “Lead with Purpose Strategic Priorities” slides in a discussion on community engagement. COG discussed that an “immersive student-centered experience” is increasingly challenging given our increased undergraduate population which has exceeded our plateau goal of 5,000 students set during the last planning process for growth.

Respectfully submitted,

George Heineman
Secretary