Reorganization of the Faculty Handbook:Focus on:

"Governance" and "Academic Appointments"

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Overview

Emphasis on Reorganizing and Recombining for Improved Clarity and Usability

- Combining Sections
- Reorganizing Within Sections
- Extracting Elements from Different Sections and Combining into New Sections and Subsections
- Involves weaving together related but separated pieces of information
 - Subsections, paragraphs, sentences, parts of sentences,...

Resulted in Five New Sections in Coherent Full Packages:

Governance	(Separated From Tenure, Promotion, Grievance and Conduct Process) Constitution: Sections One to Six Bylaws One to Ten (plus technical Appendix)
Academic Appointments	(Separated from Tenure and Promotion)
Tenure	(Separated from Academic Appointments, Governance)
Promotion	(Separated from Governance, Academic Appointments)
Faculty Grievance Procedure	(Extracted from Governance)

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Included in Reorganized Governance Content

- In Bylaw Two: General Rules for Committees of the Faculty
 - Committees should review their roles and responsibilities, and membership every three years.

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- Improved practice will be initiated separate from Faculty Handbook reorganization effort
- In Bylaw Three: Roles and Responsibilities, and Membership of Standing Committees
 - Committee on Governance
 - <u>Clarified</u>: "COG coordinates its efforts and those of all other faculty governance committees in the formulation of recommendations on changes to all parts of the Faculty Handbook."
 - <u>Co-located</u>: Responsibility to disseminate and present an annual report on WPI's faculty population by faculty category
 - <u>Co-located</u>: Responsibility to review, refer, and present proposals from the Administration to create, merge, realign, or eliminate academic programs, academic departments, or major academic or research facilities.
 - Fringe Benefits Committee
 - Relocated: As a permanent subcommittee under the Committee on Financial and Administrative Policy
- (New) Bylaw Six: Educational and Research Councils
 - Relocated from Part Two, Section 5: More parity with our committees and sub-committees
- (New) Bylaw Ten: Policy on Creating, Merging, Realigning or Eliminating Academic Programs, Academic Departments, and Research Facilities
 - Relocated from Part Two, Section 5: Consistent with COG's responsibilities in Bylaw Three

Moved from Governance Content

- Numerical goals for faculty populations by faculty category
 - From Part One, Appendix D: The Roles and Balance of the Faculty in Carrying Out WPI's Mission
 - Moved to Chapter Two: Academic Appointments where categories are defined
- Partial information related to probationary appointments, dismissals, and resignations
 - From Part One, Appendix A. A: Report of the Ad Hoc Tenure Committee, General Procedural Matters
 - Moved to Chapter Two: Academic Appointments where all appointment information is centralized
- Operational elements of tenure process: (e.g., DTCs, JTCs, Recusals, Conf. of Interest, Tenure Clock)
 - From Part One, Bylaw One. V: Committee on Tenure and Academic Freedom
 - From Part One, Appendix A: Report of the Ad Hoc Tenure Committee
 - Subsections A, B, and D: General Procedural Matters; Procedure for Granting Tenure; and Procedural Amendments
 - Moved to Chapter Three: Tenure where all tenure information is centralized
- Operational elements of promotions process: (e.g., Nominator, Advocate, JPCs, Recusals)
 - From Part One, Bylaw One, V: Committee on Appointments and Promotions
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Broadened/Generalized Wording to include Professors of Teaching as TTTs:

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- Include/add "continuing professional growth and currency," etc., as appropriate
- Allow credit on the tenure clock for full-time academic experience while at WPI

Included Explicit Numerical Goals Concerning Faculty Categories

Extracted from Part One: Appendix D of Current Faculty Handbook

Incorporated Process Clarifications/Improvements:

- Added the "appropriate Dean" explicitly in place to review of all new probationary appointments
- Clarified "terms and conditions" to be included in letters of appts. for probationary faculty:
 - Rank, title, and probationary status;
 - Year of scheduled mandatory tenure review and number of years credit on the tenure clock
 - Statement that probationary faculty at the assoc. rank should first achieve tenure before seeking promotion to full rank

Clarified Minimum Time on a Probationary Appointment Before Tenure Review:

- At the assistant rank, minimum time = three years
 - Promotion to associate rank is granted when tenure is granted; AND
 - Three years required (in the same track) prior to review for promotion to associate rank
- At the associate or full rank, minimum time = two years
 - No probationary faculty member may serve less than two years on the tenure clock prior to tenure review

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Modified/Added Wording to Conform to Accepted Current Practice

- G T A P
- Formalize the administrative review process for faculty appointments with tenure:
 - "An initial appointment of a faculty member with tenure is reviewed by the Department Head, the Dean of the appropriate school, and the Provost."
 - Generalizes the review process for probationary appointments
- Define "Terminal Appointments" (when tenure is not granted) -
 - Appointments for one additional year at current rank and title on schedule used for regular reappointments
- Broaden materials submitted for annual DTC review of probationary faculty
 - Materials submitted to DTCs for annual reviews will document faculty members' efforts "up to that date" rather than just "for the preceding year..."
- Align our policy with our practice of reviewing the teaching of tenured faculty members
 - Formation and reviews of teaching by **Departmental Peer Review Committees** at the discretion of each **department** rather than **required**.
- Allow internal Department Head searches to go forward with only one candidate

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