

## Committee on Governance: Minutes

Meeting #25: April 11, 2023

Faculty Governance Conference Room, SL 225

1:00pm – 2:30pm

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

1. Chair Albano called the meeting to order at 1:07 pm.
2. Minutes for Meetings #24 were discussed and approved with changes.
3. April 18th Faculty Meeting  
Prof. Richman identified three agenda items for the WPI Faculty meeting, which will be the first meeting that president-elect Grace Wang will attend. The first is a CAP motion that allows specific changes to MQP reports even after they have been published. The second item of business will be a presentation by COG on chapters 3 and 4 in the reorganized Faculty Handbook. The third item is a new FinTech major proposed by WBS.
4. Reorganized Faculty Handbook  
COG plans to schedule time in the Quorum during the mornings of April 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> for drop-in visits by faculty interested in reviewing and providing feedback on the reorganized handbook. The Faculty Handbook working group has reviewed the reorganized handbook through chapter 3 which consolidates the material regarding tenure.
5. Faculty Elections  
A COG member shared some anecdotal feedback from a secured teaching professor on the tenure track who asked whether they were eligible to serve in Faculty Governance.  
  
COG hopes that all faculty view service to the institute as important as service to any individual department. COG discussed whether an added paragraph in appointment letters for secured faculty could clarify that all service to Faculty Governance remains a contribution to all departments.
6. Strategic Priorities  
Chair Albano shared "Lead with Purpose Strategic Priorities" slides from a management council retreat and shared with deans, department heads, and chairs of Faculty Governance committees. COG discussed that some of these priorities are about who we are rather than what we do, and that it is hard to assess/evaluate outcomes for some of the stated priorities. COG highlighted that student affordability is an example of a concrete goal that can be used as a benchmark to evaluate progress towards these strategic

priorities.

7. The meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

George Heineman  
Secretary