

Committee on Governance: Minutes

Meeting #7: October 23, 2023

Faculty Governance Office

Faculty Governance Conference Room, SL 225

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Zoom Link: <https://wpi.zoom.us/j/95482156236>

Members: Mark Claypool (Acting secretary, CS), George Heineman (Chair, CS), Art Heinricher (Interim Provost), Stephen Kmiotek (ChE), Mark Richman (Secretary of the Faculty, AE), Diane Strong (President's appointment, WBS), Karen Troy (BME).

1. The agenda was approved.
2. Approval of the minutes for meeting #6 was deferred until the next meeting.
3. A high-level schedule for COG business in B-term was reviewed. Notable upcoming items include the Board of Trustees meeting, a motion to the WPI Faculty to define formal procedures for academic freedom cases, and the formation of the Provost Search Committee.
4. COG discussed the latest draft of a motion to define formal procedures for academic freedom cases. The motion was written by a working group approved by CTAF: Jim Doyle (SSPS), Lauren Mathews (BBT), Mark Claypool (CS), Kris Wobbe (CBC and current CTAF Chair), George Heineman (CS, and current COG Chair), and Wole Soboyejo (Provost). COG discussion topics included: where the proposed changes would go in the handbook, timeline for handling cases, informal resolution procedures and their outcomes, investigation and decision procedures and their outcomes, and resolution steps including recommendations and follow-up. Based on the discussion, COG recommended a number of improvements and substantial revisions were incorporated into the draft motion.
5. The meeting was adjourned at 5:38pm.

Respectfully,

Mark Claypool
Acting COG Secretary