

## Committee on Governance: Minutes

Meeting #10: November 20, 2023

Faculty Governance Conference Room, SL 225, 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

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

Members: Mark Claypool (CS), Althea Danielski (HUA), Tanja Dominko (Secretary, BBT), 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. Approval of Agenda
2. Minutes for meeting #9 were approved as modified.
3. Provost Search

Chair Heineman reported on the outcome of election for faculty representatives on the Provost search Committee. With 281 election ballots cast Profs. Danielle Cote (MME), Mark Richman (AE) and Kris Wobbe (CBC and DIGS) will serve as faculty representatives. The rest of the search committee membership will be appointed in a collaboration between COG and the President as outlined in the Faculty Handbook. These appointments will consider the need to include a diverse cross section of faculty and students and balance participation of schools, programs, faculty ranks, secured non tenure track faculty and under-represented groups. The search committee will be constituted by the end of B-term.

4. Academic Freedom Working Group  
Prof. Claypool reminded the Committee that a two-hour listening session soliciting more faculty input to the proposed recommendation for establishing a formal procedure to resolve allegations of violations of academic freedom are scheduled for tomorrow, November 21, at the Quorum. The hope is that this added opportunity will attract faculty to contribute substantive, constructive, thoughtful input to further improve the recommendations!
5. COG appointments  
COG continues to identify faculty who are able and willing to serve on the Campus Hearing Board and on the committee to determine the recipient of the Board of Trustees' annual Outstanding Teacher Award.
6. Academic administrative appointments  
COG continues to develop a recommendation to expand and clarify the language in the Faculty Handbook relating to the definitions, vacancy announcement, search process, and provisions guiding interim appointments of academic administrators.
7. The meeting was adjourned at 5:35pm.

Respectfully,

Tanja Dominko  
COG Secretary