

Committee on Governance: Minutes

Meeting #17: February 1, 2024

Faculty Governance Office

Faculty Governance Conference Room, SL 225

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Members Present: Mark Claypool (CS), Althea Danielski (HUA), Tanja Dominko (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 (Secretary, BME).

1. The agenda was approved.
2. The minutes for meeting #16 were approved as amended.
3. In collaboration with Interim Provost Heinricher, COG discussed the position specification for Dean of Undergraduate Studies. Once the document is finalized the search will follow the process that is outlined in Chapter Two, Section 6 of the Faculty Handbook (Guidelines for Searches to Fill Academic Administrative Positions). There was discussion about the timing of the search and no decision was made. There are logistical challenges to conducting the search at the same time that a search for a new Provost is in progress. In addition, should the permanent Dean of Undergraduate Studies be named by an interim Provost without the input of the new Provost?
4. There are several elections that will take place in the coming months. The first of these is the election for a new Secretary of Faculty. Nomination ballots have already been sent out. The top two nominees who are willing to serve will be on the final ballot. The next round of elections will be for membership to COG, CTAF and COAP. These also require a nomination and then an election ballot. A schedule for these is being created, with the goal of completing them late in C-term.
5. COG discussed language to clarify which faculty are eligible to be elected to faculty governance committees. It is currently ambiguous as to whether faculty serving in administrative roles such as Associate Dean can be elected to serve on Faculty Governance committees. Because the purpose of Faculty Governance is to provide leadership opportunities and a voice for faculty, COG discussed limiting election eligibility to those at the Department Head level and below. This would make all Deans, Associate Deans, or Provosts, or Vice Provosts ineligible to be elected, regardless of the percent effort associated with that appointment.
6. The meeting was adjourned at 4:39 PM

Respectfully,

Karen Troy
COG Secretary