Committee Report

Update on “Global School” Proposal

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Overview

Purposes of today’s COG presentation:

• To review the questions posed by COG to be addressed in the administration’s proposal for a “Global School”

• To hear the Provost’s ideas that these questions have generated

• To solicit any other questions from the faculty that should be addressed in the proposal
Global Impact Division Advisory Group

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January 2018 – April 2018 – The Group generated a report entitled “The Global School @ WPI: Strategies, Synergies and Structures”
COG’s Role

Whenever the Administration proposes “creating, merging, realigning, or eliminating academic programs and research facilities,” COG expects to receive any such proposal “before any commitments to action have been made.”

COG is then obligated to “conduct a critical review of the proposal, which may include referring it to other committees for consideration. Upon receipt of all relevant information, the Committee on Governance will frame a recommendation to the Administration and present it to the Faculty for its approval.”

[quotes taken from *WPI Faculty Handbook*, Section 2-D, page 2-32]
COG actions: Fall 2018

**September 4** – Identified issues and questions that need to be addressed as the Administration prepares a proposal.

**September 11** – Passed motion to ensure balanced representation of TTT and NTT faculty on any unit leader’s search committee.

**September 18** – Presented issues and questions identified by the COG to Provost Soboyejo.

**October 4** – Present COG issues and questions to the faculty and invite faculty input.
COG’s template for “Global School” proposal

- Vision (Provost; GID advisory group)
- Administrative Structure
- Faculty Structure
- Budget
- Current/Planned/Anticipated Curriculum
- Answers to Critical Questions
Administrative Structure

- **Organizational Structure/Chart**
  - Dean(s)
  - Associate Deans
  - Directors
  - Department Heads
  - Administrative support staff

- **What will the structure be at first?**

- **How is the structure anticipated to evolve?**

- **New Job Descriptions** for any Dean, Director, or Department Head positions
Faculty Structure

- **Current faculty members** affiliated with the unit

- **Projection for faculty growth** within the unit
  - How will addition of TTT or NTT faculty lines be determined?
  - *New lines at the expense of current departments?*

- **Faculty affiliations**
  - Affiliation mechanism
  - Affiliation types (i.e. full, partial, etc.)

- **New paths to tenure?**

- **Academic disciplines contained within the unit?**
Budget (initial, and projected)

- **Budget detail**
  - Administrative costs
  - Instructional salaries
  - Operational expenses
  - Anticipated revenues from academic programs (ROI)

- Anticipated growth in budget over time

- Comparison to the current costs of global programs

- Source of startup funding
Current/Planned/Anticipated Curriculum

- **Undergraduate majors, minors, and concentrations**
  - Current majors, minors, concentrations data

- **Graduate programs**
  - Master’s, PhD

- Expected number of enrolled students over time
Other Critical Questions

• **Why a School?**
  - Institute, Center, Division

• **Unit leadership**
  - Dean
  - Vice Provost?

• **Specific foreseeable examples of:**
  - Improvements to and efficiencies of current programs
  - New opportunities