

Committee on Governance: Minutes

Meeting #6: October 2, 2018

Faculty Governance Conference Room (SL 225)

Present: Len Albano (CEE); Kris Boudreau (HUA); Tanja Dominko (Secretary of the Faculty, BBT); Mike Elmes (FBS); Mark Richman (Secretary, ME); Sue Roberts (ChE); David Spanagel (Chair, HUA)

1. Prof. Spanagel called the meeting to order at 11:05am; the agenda was approved as distributed.
2. The minutes of COG meeting #5 from Sept. 25, 2018 were approved as amended.
3. Mentoring and Professional Development Proposal: After incorporating some minor suggestions from COAP, COG has obtained final approval from COAP to present the motion to adopt guidelines for mentoring of professors at the associate level jointly from COG and COAP at the October 4 Faculty meeting. Prof. Roberts will present the motion on behalf of both COG and COAP. She will circulate a draft of the slides of her presentation so that COG members can provide editorial suggestions before the faculty meeting.
4. Status of the Proposal to Form a New Academic Global Unit: Following Prof. Dominko's recommendation, COG will have both Prof. Spanagel and Provost Soboyejo provide an update on the proposal at the October 4 faculty meeting. The purpose of Prof. Spanagel's part of the presentation will be to outline the questions posed by COG, to include a few other questions that have been received by Committee Chairs and COG members, and to solicit from the faculty any additional questions that should be addressed in the proposal. Provost Soboyejo will provide his current vision for the global unit and will preview the responses that might be contained in the more formal proposal to come.
5. Academic Credits Delivered and Faculty Growth: Prof. Spanagel will inform Provost Soboyejo about the data that COG receives annually (for the previous academic year) concerning the credits delivered by TTT and NTT faculty members broken down by department and separated for CPE courses). The data also includes TTT and NTT faculty populations. The expectation is that COG will receive this data in Excel spreadsheet format very soon because the October 1 date identified in the Faculty Handbook has just passed. Because such data has been consistently presented by COG to the faculty for the past seven years, the hope is that this year's annual presentation by COG, while focusing a bit on past trends (that are well known by now), can instead demonstrate collaboration with the administration on a tangible plan for significant growth in the faculty. COG is interested in learning about the plan that President Leshin mentioned at the Sept. 13 faculty meeting to reach 300 TTT faculty members within the next five years, especially because the target of about 300 is consistent with the approximate target that faculty governance representatives had suggested as a three- or five-year goal several years ago. COG members also emphasized the importance of having faculty members, in general, and faculty governance representatives and department and program heads, in particular, involved in substantive discussions with the administration concerning spending priorities and resource allocation.
6. The meeting adjourned at 12:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Richman
Secretary, COG

