Committee on Governance: Minutes
Meeting #5: Sept. 29, 2020
Faculty Governance Branch Offices

Present: Len Albano (CEE); Kris Boudreau (Chair, HUA); Tanja Dominko (Secretary of the Faculty, BBT); Tahar El-Korchi (CEE); Glenn Gaudette (BME); Arne Gericke (CBC); Mark Richman (Secretary, AE); and Wole Soboyejo (Provost)

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:15pm. The agenda was approved as amended.

2. The minutes of meeting #4 were approved with a minor revision.

3. Motion to Change the Name of Mechanical Engineering Department: COG has received a copy of a letter from Prof. Yagoobi (Head, ME Dept.) to Provost Soboyejo and Dean McNeill on behalf of the ME faculty to change the name of the Mechanical Engineering Department to the Mechanical and Materials Engineering Department. The change is intended to give increased visibility to the Materials Engineering program at WPI and makes sense now that the Aerospace Engineering Department has been separated from the ME department. The consensus of the committee was strongly in favor of the change. Prof. Boudreau will ask Prof. Yagoobi to write his request in the form of a motion for COG to consider.

4. Preparation of Ballots for Remaining Committee Elections: Prof. Boudreau provided the committee with an updated list of the committee membership vacancies to be filled in the fall 2020 elections including an extensive list of names of faculty members who have, in response to solicitation from several COG members, expressed an interest on serving. The remainder of the meeting was spent finalizing the ballots by balancing committee vacancies, faculty interests, and diversity of representation. Prof. Boudreau will contact all those whose names appear on the final ballots to confirm their continued interest in serving if elected.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Richman
Secretary, COG