

## Committee on Governance: Meeting Minutes

Meeting #30: 19 April 2022

Faculty Governance Branch Offices

**Present:** Len Albano (Secretary, CEAE); Nancy Burnham (PH); Tanja Dominko (BBT); Tahar El-Korchi (Chair, CEAE); George Heineman (CS); Mark Richman (Secretary of the Faculty, AE); Susan Roberts (CHE)

**Absent:** Wole Soboyejo (Provost)

1. Prof. El-Korchi called the meeting to order at 12:08 pm.
2. The agenda was approved as distributed.
3. The minutes of COG meeting #29 on April 12, 2022 were approved with modifications.
4. Preparations for the May Faculty Meeting:  
Prof. Richman reported that the May 10<sup>th</sup> Faculty Meeting will have several business items for the faculty to address. First, the May 2022 graduation lists for undergraduate and graduate students will be presented for faculty approval. Three joint motions from the Committee on Appointments and Promotions (COAP) and COG will also be presented for voting. These motions were initially presented at the April Faculty Meeting for discussion and are related to proposed criteria for promotion to (full) Professor of Teaching, procedures for promotion to (full) Professor of Teaching, and guidelines for eligibility and time-in-rank for promotion of tenured and tenure-track faculty members. Prof. Richman also noted there will be a joint motion from the Committee on Information Technology Policy (CITP), the Committee on Academic Policy (CAP), and the Committee on Graduate Studies & Research (CGSR) on the topic of lecture capture, and CGSR will present a motion to make changes to WPI's rules for the BS/MS Program. Additionally, the Committee on Financial & Administrative Policy (FAP) will present a report on executive compensation, and FAP may also bring forward an item of business.
5. Update on Faculty Governance Elections:  
Prof. Richman provided the COG members with a comprehensive spreadsheet listing the names of the current faculty representatives and the vacancies to be filled in the upcoming elections for nine standing committees of the faculty. These committees are the Committee on Academic Operations (CAO), CAP, Committee on Advising and Student Life (CASL), CGSR, Campus Hearing Board (CHB), Committee on Teaching and Research Faculty (CTRF), FAP, Faculty Review Committee (FRC), and the Undergraduate Outcomes Assessment Committee (UOAC). The spreadsheet included a list of faculty members who have, in response to a broad campus-wide solicitation by Prof. Richman and solicitations from COG members to individual departments, expressed an interest in serving. Working from this spreadsheet, the remainder of the meeting was spent preparing drafts of the ballots by balancing committee vacancies, faculty interests, and diversity of representation. COG plans to finalize the ballots at its next meeting on Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> so that the elections can be completed by the end of D-term.

6. The meeting was adjourned at 1:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Leonard Albano  
Secretary, COG