

Committee on Governance
Meeting #16, AY 2015/16
February 8th, 2016
Salisbury Labs 225

In Attendance:

Provost Bruce Bursten, Chrysanthe Demetry, Tanja Dominko, Daniel Dougherty, Glenn Gaudette (Chair), Reinhold Ludwig (guest), Mark Richman, Diane Strong, Bogdan Vernescu (guest), Suzanne Weekes (Secretary).

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm and the agenda was approved as distributed.
- 2) Prof. Gaudette welcomed Prof. Vernescu (Vice Provost for Research, ad interim) and Prof. Ludwig who represents the Faculty on the Trustees' Academic Planning Committee.
- 3) Prof. Vernescu and the members of COG had an extensive discussion of the latest draft of WPI's new Intellectual Property (IP) policy. This version of the policy has already been endorsed by CGSR and CAP.

The policy describes, among others, different types of IP; institutional responsibilities imposed by federal sponsors; institutional procedures for protecting, disclosing, evaluating and disposing of institutional IP; the rights and responsibilities of faculty, students, and staff; and profit sharing provisions.

Provost Bursten will make an announcement at the next faculty meeting that a draft of the new IP policy will be disseminated to the faculty for feedback. Once the policy has been finalized, it will be forwarded to the Board of Trustees for adoption.

COG recommended that the Intellectual Property and Innovation office (IPI) develop a second document, a simplified version of IP procedures for use by faculty, students, and staff, and that this document be included when the draft of the full policy is disseminated to the faculty.

- 4) The minutes of meeting #15 of COG (February 1st, 2016) were approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 2: 30 pm.

Prof. Suzanne L. Weekes
Secretary of the Committee on Governance