

Committee on Governance
Meeting #18, AY 2015/16
February 22nd, 2016
Salisbury Labs 225

In Attendance:

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

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm and the agenda was approved as amended.
- 2) The minutes of meeting #17 were approved as amended.
- 3) Prof. Demetry discussed the timeline for generating election ballots for Faculty governance standing committees (CAO, CAP, CGSR, COAP, CASL, FAP). The process for election of new members of the standing committees relies on active recruiting of eligible Faculty in all twelve academic departments. Over the next several weeks, each member of the COG will be reaching out to colleagues in two departments to develop a list of Faculty interested and willing to serve if elected.
- 4) The committee discussed possible changes in the membership of CGSR. A proposal addressing this issue was brought to COG for consideration last academic year. The membership of CGSR has not been updated since the position of Vice Provost for Research (VPR) and Dean of Graduate Studies (DGS) was split in two separate positions several years ago (and the DGS position was recently made full time). The current voting membership of CGSR includes an appointee of the Provost (which has typically been the VPR) and the “Director of Continuing Education” (who has been interpreted as the VP of Academic and Corporate Development (ACD)), but does not include the Dean of Graduate Studies. The main changes considered by COG included complementing the membership with the DGS as a voting member, and (in order to maintain the same ratio of elected to non-elected members) possibly converting the VP of ACD (or his or her representative) from a voting member to a permanently invited guest.

The business of the CGSR requires that significant effort of the committee be dedicated to review and approval of new and modified graduate courses and programs. So it appears sensible to include the DGS, now a full time position, as a voting member. The COG discussed changes in CGSR membership that would serve the need for informed and timely review and recommendations to the Faculty. The discussion about converting the VP of ACD from a voting member to a permanently invited guest revolved around whether or not the job responsibilities of the DGS include sufficient oversight over programs and credits currently classified as those delivered by Corporate and Professional Education. The Provost offered his opinion that the roles of the DGS and the VP of ACD are sufficiently different that both should be voting members of CGSR.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.

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