

Committee on Governance Meeting Agenda
Meeting #5 (2015-16)
Monday, September 28, 2015 2pm - 3pm
Faculty Governance Conference Room (SL 225)

Attendance: Chrysanthe Demetry (interim chair), Daniel Dougherty, Bruce Bursten, Mark Richman, Glenn Gaudette, Diane Strong, Suzanne Weekes (remotely)
Absent: John McNeil

Meeting was called to order at 2:06 pm.

1. Approval of Agenda – passed.
2. Minutes of the 3rd meeting were reviewed and passed with modifications.
3. Minutes of the 4th meeting were reviewed and passed with modification.
4. Process for the conferring of degrees for the October graduation was discussed. Graduates will have completed their degree requirements by October 9, and voted on by the Faculty on October 16.
5. Provost Bursten notified COG that a search for a permanent VPR will be initiated soon. The merits of an internal vs. a national external search were discussed. The Provost will consider COG's input and announce the search to the WPI community by email. At that point, COG will begin the process to elect faculty members to the search committee.
6. The role of Academic Deans was discussed. After weighing suggestions from members of COG, the Provost requested time at the October 16 Faculty meeting to describe his view of the appropriate administrative structure at WPI. Given the importance of the topic, Prof. Richman (in his role as SOF) offered to devote most of the October Faculty meeting to Provost Bursten's presentation and the open discussion that would follow. Provost Bursten will begin the process of defining the positions and will seek COG input as needed.
7. Meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm.