

Committee on Governance Meeting Minutes

Meeting #8 (2015-16)

Thursday, October 29, 2015 12pm - 1pm

Atwater Kent Conference Room (AK 218)

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

Meeting was called to order at 12:05pm.

1. Approval of Agenda passed.
2. Minutes of the 7th COG meeting were discussed and approved with minor modification.
3. Status on new and old COG agenda items were reviewed.
 - a. COG will need to conduct the elections for the newly announced searches for the Vice Provost for Research (VPR) and Dean of Engineering. For the Dean of Engineering search, ballots should only go to faculty in engineering departments. A question was raised regarding faculty in an engineering program (for example, RBE) with a home department in Arts and Sciences. After a brief discussion, it was decided to continue the past precedent of identifying faculty by home department and not program.
 - b. COG will need to appoint a member to the Educational Development Council (EDC). Prof. Demetry will work with Art Heinricher to identify potential candidates
 - c. Prof. Richman informed COG that he sent out an e-mail reminding Board of Trustees Faculty appointees of their expectations as representatives of the faculty.
 - d. The report from the Task Force on Academic Promotions has been distributed to COG and COAP. COG will review the report's recommendations and suggests that COAP reviews the report simultaneously. A representative from COAP (e.g. Prof. Hansen) will be invited to a future COG meeting to facilitate COG and COAP working together on this issue. Subject to any modification from the COG-COAP collaboration, the recommendations will be disseminated and then discussed at a Faculty meeting as part of the process toward bringing formal motions to the Faculty.
 - e. Prof. McNeill informed COG that CAO and CGSR have each received a request to appoint a representative to interview candidates for a new Director of Academic Program Planning and Analysis (to replace Chuck Kornik). CAO appointed Mark Claypool. CGSR has decided not to appoint a representative, as the selection process for this position is entering the final stages.
 - f. COG received a request to consider adding the issue of voting and committee membership rights and responsibilities for continuing NTT faculty to a future agenda.

4. Prof. Richman informed COG that the Committee on Information Technology Policy (CITP) motion for change in their membership will need to be added to the Faculty Handbook. This requires 2 week notice prior to Faculty Meeting.
5. Status of the motion on composition of CGSR was discussed. CGSR will provide more input on change in composition and the potential to split CGSR into 2 separate committees.
6. The issue of the titles of "Assistant Dean" and "Associate Dean" was discussed.
7. Shortly after Thanksgiving, COG plans to conduct evaluations of the President, Dean of UG Studies, Dean of Grad Studies, Dean of IGSD, and CFO.
8. John McNeill announced that, effective immediately, he is stepping down from COG due to personal reasons.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 1:12 pm.