

**Committee on Governance Meeting Minutes**  
**Meeting #17 (2017-18)**  
**Tuesday, January 2, 2018, 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm**  
**Gateway Conference Room 4104**

In Attendance: Leonard Albano, Glenn Gaudette (Chair), David Spanagel (Secretary), Bengisu Tulu [via telephone], and Suzanne Weekes [via telephone]

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:05 pm.
2. The agenda was approved as distributed.
3. Review and approval of minutes for COG meeting #16 (Dec. 11) were postponed to a future meeting.
4. COG members debriefed on the December 12, 2017 Faculty meeting discussion of the proposal to amend Bylaw Five of the Faculty Handbook (regarding the eligibility of a Secretary of the Faculty to serve successive terms). They also shared feedback that each had received from colleagues in the aftermath of that discussion.

The originator of the motion had contacted Prof. Gaudette to urge that COG restore a clear statement that, if approved by the Faculty, the motion would be effective immediately. After considerable discussion of all of the conflicting views and other information they had gathered, COG voted on whether to support immediate implementation of the motion. This motion failed.

COG then discussed whether to prepare an alternative/amended motion to bring back to the Faculty for its January 18, 2018 meeting. Based upon the committee's assessment of the mixed feedback received and the urgency of communicating intentions clearly by the two-week notice deadline, COG decided not to sponsor or present any motion at the January 18, 2018 Faculty meeting. The issue of "faculty leadership continuity" is an item for future discussion.

If the motion's originators wish to reintroduce this motion (as presented in December, but with an immediate implementation date specified) and submit it to a vote by the Faculty, they may do so.

5. The meeting adjourned at 3:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David Spanagel, COG Secretary