

Committee on Governance: Minutes

Meeting #18: January 31, 2019

Faculty Governance Conference Room (SL 225)

Present: Len Albano (CEE), Kris Boudreau (Secretary of COG, HUA), Mike Elmes (FBS), Tanja Dominko (Secretary of the Faculty, BBT), Mark Richman (ME), Susan Roberts (ChE), Wole Soboyejo (Provost), and David Spanagel (Chair, HUA)

1. Prof. Spanagel called the meeting to order at 10:08; the agenda was approved with slight modifications.
2. The minutes from meeting #17 were approved with modifications.
3. Update on Faculty Conduct Policy: Announcing that the Faculty Conduct Policy committee had completed its work and had agreed upon a final draft policy to be presented at the Feb. 7 faculty meeting, Prof. Richman distributed the Conduct Policy motion for that meeting. This motion, intended to make the case for the new policy, included an explanation of two ways in which the proposed policy improves the current policy. After discussion and slight revisions, the motion was approved. COG next discussed the policy itself with special focus on the items that had been negotiated since the last COG meeting: examples of misconduct, provisions for the cooperation of the Respondent, clarifications of collaboration between the Provost and Secretary of the Faculty, the scope of the investigation, the chairing of the Judicial Committee, and the extent to which the Provost and President can be involved in the details of the case as the investigative and judicial processes are unfolding. A lengthy discussion followed regarding the process by which the remaining language had been resolved. COG approved this final version of the policy to be distributed ahead of the Feb. 7 faculty meeting.
4. Process for conducting elections of COAP, COG, and CTAF members: COG reviewed progress toward electing faculty members to these committees. Nomination ballots had been sent out and were due back by Thursday, January 31.
5. Faculty review of administrators: COG took up the process for reviewing the four administrators on COG's schedule: V.P. Flavin, Dean King, Dean *ad interim* Rissmiller, and V.P. Tichenor. To facilitate effective reviews, COG has invited these individuals to communicate their job responsibilities and accomplishments to the faculty, either as a brief (10-minute) presentation at a faculty meeting (Feb. 7 or March 14) or as an online presentation that will be linked to the email announcing the online surveys. COG members received but did not review last year's general survey questions regarding the current status and future directions of WPI to be included in the administrator evaluations; these will be discussed at a future meeting.
6. The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Boudreau
Secretary, COG