

Committee on Governance Meeting Minutes
Meeting #25 (2017-18)
Thursday, February 8, 2018, 10:00 am – 11:00 am
Faculty Governance Conference Room

In Attendance: Leonard Albano, Glenn Gaudette (Chair), Mark Richman (Secretary of the Faculty), Susan Roberts (via telephone), Bengisu Tulu, and Suzanne Weekes.

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:08 am.
2. The agenda was revised and approved.
3. The minutes for COG meetings #23 (Feb. 1, 2018) and #24 (Feb. 5, 2018) were reviewed and approved as amended.
4. Updates
 - a. Profs. Richman and Tulu reported that they met with Deans Comesano, Rissmiller, and Ginzberg, who have been reviewing the Faculty Handbook in conjunction with the planned administrative reorganization of the Foisie Business School (FBS) and the broader issue of the roles of Deans at WPI. Dean Ginzberg indicated that he is open to retaining a Department Head within the structure of the FBS. As such, there would be no need to revise the Faculty Handbook to include language on reassigning the responsibilities of a Department Head to other administrators. Profs. Richman and Tulu advised the Deans that proposals to modify the Faculty Handbook must be brought to COG for review. COG, in consultation with other faculty governance committees, is responsible for formulating recommendations to the Faculty on changes of and additions to the Faculty Handbook.
 - b. Prof. Richman reported that the UOAC/CAP motion to replace WPI Undergraduate Learning Outcome #8 with an outcome explicitly concerned with global and intercultural competency will be presented for discussion and feedback at the February Faculty meeting. Based on the feedback received, the proposal may then be reconsidered and voted on at a subsequent Faculty meeting. This approach gives faculty members sufficient time to consider the change carefully. The WPI Undergraduate Learning Outcomes are included in Part 2 of the Faculty Handbook, so Faculty approval of the UOAC/CAP motion will require a change to the Faculty Handbook, as well.
5. Prof. Roberts presented a set of revised survey questions for Faculty Evaluation of the Dean of Graduate Studies. The questions were prepared in collaboration with Dean Comesano. The Committee reviewed the questions and made some minor changes for consistency with the survey questions for Faculty Evaluation of the Dean of Undergraduate Studies. Dean Comesano also provided a job description for inclusion with the survey questions.
6. The meeting adjourned at 10:58 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Leonard Albano, Acting Secretary