

Committee on Governance Meeting Minutes
Meeting #30 (2017-18)
Monday, March 19, 2018, 10:00 am – 11:30 am
Faculty Governance Conference Room

In Attendance: Leonard Albano, Glenn Gaudette (Chair), Mark Richman (Secretary of the Faculty), Susan Roberts, David Spanagel (Secretary), and Suzanne Weekes.

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:06 am.
2. The agenda was approved as amended.

COG members debriefed what they heard and thought about the TTT/NTT Distribution of Credits Delivered and Faculty Growth presentation made at last week's Faculty meeting. Committee members agreed that more discussion is needed on some of the subjects already identified in our recent committee conversations (for example, what the number of credits-delivered measures at the institutional level and what it measures at the individual level, and the appropriate roles of TTT and NTT faculty).

A question from the floor of the faculty meeting also resonated with issues that we have touched upon, but not yet fully engaged as a community: "Who is WPI trying to be?" COG members noted that hiring strategies for growing our TTT faculty to meet both instructional and research demand may be informed by considering other questions that spring from this one, such as:

- Are we striving to be competitive with other top research universities?
- Do we wish to stake out a leadership position in project-based learning?
- Do we wish to stake out a leadership position in global technological education?
- How can we continue to balance teaching and research?

3. COG discussed next steps for the revising and approving a proposed Sexual Misconduct Policy. Prof. Richman hopes that it will be possible for COG to review and recommend improvements to the current working draft in time to bring the resulting document back for discussion at the April 12 Faculty Meeting. It remains to be determined when the proposed policy would be considered for a vote by the faculty.
4. Elections of faculty members to CTAF, COAP, and COG are underway. COG members divided up the departments in order to engage in recruitment of nominees to place on election ballots for all of the remaining standing committees.
5. Prof. Gaudette presented CITP's draft revisions of the myWPI Policy, henceforth to be called the Learning Management System Policy. COG members reviewed the proposed changes and voted to approve sending the revised policy to the Faculty for its consideration and approval.
6. On the Role of Academic Deans issue, Prof. Roberts offered to call a meeting with Prof. Tulu and Provost Bursten. Other COG members wondered if a larger committee (including some non-COG members) may need to be organized to get this discussion moving in a productive direction. Discussion was deferred to a future COG meeting.

7. Prof. Gaudette announced that the Faculty Evaluations of Administrators questionnaires have been sent to the faculty to invite participation. The deadline is March 30, 2018 at 5pm.
8. The meeting adjourned at 11:54 am.

Respectfully submitted,

David Spanagel, Secretary