

**Committee on Governance Meeting Minutes  
Meeting #5 (2017-18)  
Monday, September 25, 2017, 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm  
HUA Conference Room, SL 226**

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:38 pm.
2. The agenda was approved.
3. The Minutes from AY 2017-18 COG Meeting #4 (September 18, 2017) were approved as amended.
4. Prof. Gaudette reported that the Working Committee on WPI Conduct policies had not met during the past week. Prof. Richman suggested that COG members might want to familiarize themselves with the language of each of the two distinct WPI Research Misconduct Policies currently available (the Trustee-approved policy appears on the web site, and the Faculty-approved policy appears in the Faculty Handbook). Such preparation may help them to understand key features of the proposal for a consolidated and updated Research Misconduct Policy when it comes forward from the Working Committee.
5. Provost Bursten reported that the COG subcommittee on Faculty Growth had resumed regular meetings as of last week. The subcommittee's membership is as follows: Bruce Bursten, Glenn Gaudette, Eleanor Loiacono, Mark Richman, and David Spanagel, supported by Deb Graves and Kris Sullivan from the Provost's Office.  
Provost Bursten would like the faculty as a whole to better understand the role that academic space constraints play on WPI's plans for faculty hiring. The subcommittee recommended that AVP Kris Sullivan be invited to present to the faculty the results of the Academic Space Committee's analysis last year. (He presented these results to the Trustees' Facilities & Infrastructure Committee last spring.) COG will invite him to an upcoming COG meeting to help prepare and target the presentation for a subsequent Faculty meeting.
6. COG members worked together to prepare the questions for this year's Faculty Evaluation of Administrators survey.
7. The meeting adjourned at 3:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Spanagel, COG Secretary