

Committee on Governance Meeting Minutes
Meeting #8 (2017-18)
Monday, October 16, 2017, 9:30 am – 11:00 am
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 9:37 am.
2. The agenda was approved.
3. The minutes for COG meeting #6 (Oct. 2) were approved as amended.
4. Review of the minutes for COG meeting #7 (Oct. 9) was postponed to a future COG meeting.
5. Prof. Gaudette circulated copies of the proposed draft of a Research Misconduct Policy, which the working group of Trustees and Faculty representatives has produced. The members of the Working Group are Prof. Kristin Boudreau, Prof. Glenn Gaudette, Trustee Marni Hall, Chair of the Board of Trustees Jack Mollen, Prof. Mark Richman, and Trustee Joan Szkutak. SVP and General Counsel David Bunis serves as the group's legal advisor. The Trustees intend to approve a revised policy during the December 15 meeting of the Board's Executive Committee, regardless of whether or not the Faculty has approved the policy at that point. To meet this timeline, COG will do its best to expedite the processes of review and consideration by the faculty. Target dates include distributing a version of the draft revised policy by the Nov. 2 two-week notice date, presenting it at the Nov. 16 Faculty meeting, and then holding a Faculty vote at the Dec. 12 Faculty meeting.

Due to the draft policy's specific assignment of roles and responsibilities, as well as its potential impact on faculty, research fellows, graduate students, and undergraduate students, COG members identified key administrative leaders who should be given the Working Group's draft and invited to provide input directly back to the Working Group. Prof. Gaudette will share the draft with the President, the Provost, the Vice Provost for Research, the Dean of Graduate Studies, the Dean of Undergraduate Studies, and the Dean of Students. COG will also refer the draft to the Committee on Graduate Studies and Research, so that its members could review it and provide further comments back to COG in advance of circulation to the entire faculty.

COG members spent the bulk of the rest of the meeting examining the draft, discussing key features, apparent omissions, issues, and questions that Profs. Gaudette and Richman can bring back to the Working Group for clarification and further consideration.

6. With respect to the proposed Global Impact Division (GID), Provost Bursten informed COG of the Administration's request that the process of electing Faculty members to the search

committee for the Dean of the proposed GID be initiated in concert with consideration of the GID description to be brought forward at the next Faculty meeting. He pointed out that even if the election processes commenced immediately, the work of the search committee would not start until well after the Nov. 16 Faculty meeting, which is the earliest practicable date for obtaining Faculty approval of a preliminary proposal from the Administration for the GID.

7. The meeting adjourned at 11:10 am.

Respectfully submitted,

David Spanagel, COG Secretary