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COG 5th meeting

Committee on Governance, Worcester Polytechnic Institute

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The Committee on Governance (COG) held its 5th meeting of the 2012-2013 academic year on September 20, 2012 in the Faculty Governance Conference Room (SL 225).

Present: Suzanne Weekes (acting Chair), Kristen Billiar (Secretary), John Sullivan, Bogdan Vernescu, Elke Rundensteiner, Terri Camesano, Eric Overstrom
Absent: Michael Gennert (Chair)

1. Prof. Weekes called the meeting to order at 11:04 am.
2. The minutes from the September 13, 2012 COG meeting were approved.
3. Inclusion the Deans into Faculty Governance, including the Faculty Handbook, was discussed.
   a. The three members of COG ad hoc subcommittee are Prof. Gennert (Chair, COG), Prof. Sullivan (SOF), and Dean Oates (Deans’ representative).
   b. Prof. Billiar brought up the issue of whether the Dean positions were instituted as a temporary “experiment” (as interpreted by Faculty members who have approached him) or whether the positions are permanent (barring further changes). COG will look into prior minutes to clarify this issue.
   c. The Provost has asked the Deans to post their performance and accomplishments relative to their goals and job descriptions on their websites.
   d. The Provost noted that the new administrative structure is not fully in alignment with the structure of faculty governance as described in the Faculty Handbook. The Provost welcomed input and shared guidance from COG as this matter is considered by the COG subcommittee on the Inclusion the Deans roles into Faculty Governance.
4. All nominees for the Faculty Representatives to Trustees’ Committees confirmed that they are interested and have provided statements. Their names appear below with their respective committees:
   a. Academic Planning Committee: Kristen Billiar, Jim Doyle, Mayer Humi, and John McNeill
   b. Budget and Finance Committee: Ravi Datta, Bob Kinicki, Michael Radzicki, and David Spanagel
   c. Campus Infrastructure Committee: Nancy Burnham, Bill Farr, Glenn Gaudette, and Kent Rissmiller
   d. Marketing Committee: Aarti Madan, Nikolaos Gatsonis, Chick Kasouf, Diana Lados
   e. Student Affairs: David Adams, Michael Elmes, Jeanine Plummer, and Jill Rulfs
5. The job description for Assistant Vice President – Academic Affairs was presented by the Provost and reviewed by the committee for feedback. Prof. Camesano noted that accreditation is an academic issue; Provost Overstrom explained that this position would facilitate the process in solely an administrative role. This position is an administrative position, not an academic position, thus the hiring process will go through HR and is not subject to the rules in the Faculty Handbook.
6. COG will invite the Chair of COAP, Prof. Mayer Humi, to review current COAP procedures and to explore the inclusion of additional procedures e.g., a recusal process similar to utilized by CTAF.
7. The meeting adjourned at 11:55 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Kris Billiar, Secretary of COG