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COG 2nd meeting

Committee on Governance, Worcester Polytechnic Institute

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The Committee on Governance (COG) held its 2nd meeting of the 2012-2013 academic year on August 30, 2012 in the Faculty Governance Conference Room (SL 225).

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

1. Prof. Gennert called the meeting to order at 11:05 am.
2. The minutes from 6/8/12 and 8/23/12 meetings were approved.

Old Business

3. Recruitment of Faculty Representatives to Trustees’ Committees was discussed – will be sent to the Trustees by September 15th.
4. Provost Overstrom discussed the process of electing Faculty Representatives to the Vice Provost for Research Search Committee. Profs. Gennert and Sullivan clarified the process in the Faculty Handbook. One member of the Faculty will be appointed by COG; three members of the Faculty will be elected by the Faculty. COG will request nominations, then run a one-step election by written ballot. An external recruiting firm will be employed to steer highly qualified people to this position. The recruit will likely be a Full Professor.
5. Prof. Gennert suggested a subcommittee of COG be created to work on inclusion of the roles of Deans in the Faculty Governance and the Faculty Handbook. After discussion, it was agreed that the subcommittee should include an Academic Dean, the Chair of COG, and the Sec. of Faculty. This subcommittee will solicit input from Faculty and administrators, including those who serve/have served on CTAF, representatives to the Trustees APC, and others as necessary. Discussion of the subcommittee’s charge was deferred to future meetings.
6. Clarifying the rules governing stopping of the tenure clock was discussed briefly in terms of who should be involved in the discussion and when the discussion will be held.
7. The Provost brought up the Faculty Misconduct and Faculty Research Misconduct policies. These were discussed by COG without resolution over a year ago. These policies involve issues of compliance required by federal government. VP Human Resources Tracy Hassett will be invited to a future COG meeting to frame the issues.

New Business

8. Clarification of the language on NTT faculty appointments this academic year was discussed; however, the committee deemed it as low urgency.