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The Committee on Governance (COG) held its 19\textsuperscript{th} meeting of the 2010-2011 academic year on March 21, 2011 in the Chairman’s Room in the Campus Center.
Present: R. Kinicki (Chair), K. Billiar, A. Hoffman, Interim Provost Overstrom, J. Rulfs, B. Vernescu, S. Weekes

1. Prof. Kinicki called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM.
2. The agenda submitted by Prof. Kinicki was approved.
3. The minutes of meeting #18 were approved with minor corrections.
4. Prof. Hoffman gave a brief update on the subcommittee on the effects of rapidly increasing undergraduate enrollment. The subcommittee has requested time to give a presentation at the April meeting of the Department Heads.
5. Professor Kinicki discussed his presentation on the roles of TTT and NTT faculty that he had prepared for the March 24\textsuperscript{th} Faculty meeting.
6. Prof. Kinicki presented a letter from Prof. Farr who chairs the Committee on Information Technology Policy (CITP) which is a COG subcommittee. Blackboard version 8 will no longer be supported after December 2012 and version 9 is considerably different than version 8. A decision will have to be made as to whether to continue with the new Blackboard product or adopt something else. Prof. Farr would like to begin the discussion by making an announcement at the March faculty meeting. COG agreed that it is important to begin this discussion well in advance of the time when a decision will have to be made.
7. Prof. Kinicki will begin the annual election process by emailing the Faculty to solicit volunteers for the various committees. COG will devote the next meeting to further developing the election ballot.
8. There was a brief discussion of a motion to remove the title of Instructor from the list of tenure track positions. No faculty member currently has a tenure track appointment as an Instructor.
10. The meeting was adjourned at 1:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Allen H. Hoffman
Secretary