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Committee on Governance, Worcester Polytechnic Institute

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The Committee on Governance (COG) held its 17th meeting of the 2010-2011 academic year on March 3, 2011 in the Chairman’s Room in the Campus Center.


1. Prof. Billiar called the meeting to order at 1:33 PM.
2. The minutes of meeting #16 were approved with minor corrections.
3. Secretary of the Faculty Richman noted that the statement concerning the roles of TTT and NTT faculty will be placed on the agenda of the March Faculty meeting for discussion. The one remaining issue is where such a statement should be placed within the Faculty Constitution. After some review, COG decided to add the statement as Appendix D. Since this statement represents a change to the Faculty Constitution, discussion will take place at the March Faculty meeting and a vote will be taken at the April meeting.
4. There was a general discussion of the sequencing of additional companion motions associated with the statement on the roles of TTT and NTT faculty. Two addition constitution changes, elimination of the 3/5 year rule and elimination of the tenure track title of Instructor, will be brought up for discussion at the April Faculty meeting and then voted on at the May meeting. A document relating to titles for NTT faculty will also be discussed at the April meeting.
5. There was a brief discussion of a draft document on NTT titles, more extensive discussion was deferred to a later COG meeting.
6. Professor Hoffman briefly reiterated the general findings of the COG subcommittee on the effect of rapidly increasing undergraduate enrollment that had been presented at the previous meeting. Discussion continued on what form a more detailed report should take and what action items should be proposed. It was noted that CAO in a recent set of minutes mentioned two of the items; waitlists and student scheduling. Provost Overstrom felt that the Department Heads should be engaged in the process of addressing and resolving these issues. Others on the committee felt that the subcommittee should make a report at a Faculty meeting. Prof. Hoffman requested that committee members email their ideas to him.
7. COG discussed issues raised by a faculty member concerning the Provost search.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 2:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Allen H. Hoffman
Secretary