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The Committee on Governance (COG) held its 15th meeting of the 2010-2011 academic year on Thursday, February 3, 2011 in the Chairman’s Room in the Campus Center. Present: K. Billiar (Acting Chair), A. Hoffman, Interim Provost Overstrom, M. Richman, J. Rulfs, B. Vernescu, S. Weekes.

1. Prof. Billiar called the meeting to order at 1:31 PM.
2. The minutes of meeting #13 were approved with minor corrections. The minutes of meeting #14 were approved as written.
3. Prof. Billiar announced that he and Secretary of the Faculty Richman would be meeting with President Berkey and Provost Overstrom on Monday (2/7) to preview the scheduled sessions at the upcoming Board of Trustees meeting that will reference the general theme of shared governance at WPI. Prof. Billiar asked for general comments from COG members so that he and Prof. Richman will be better prepared for the meeting with the President and for the Board of Trustees meetings later in the week. A fairly extensive discussion followed. The general consensus was that there is a need for the Trustees to gain a better understanding of the process of shared governance. It was noted that in earlier times the Trustees tended to have a better understanding of shared governance as a result of being from the local area and acquainted with greater numbers of Faculty.
4. Professor Rulfs led a long discussion of Faculty evaluation of administrators. The general consensus was that while acknowledging that the draft forms might need future revision, there is a pressing need to implement the review process this year. COG could then use these initial results to determine the need for further revisions. It was suggested that perhaps a subcommittee of COG would volunteer to meet with each administrator being evaluated and review the results of the evaluation.
5. Professor Richman distributed a revised statement on the relationship between tenure track and non-tenure track faculty. Members of COG suggested a few, relatively minor, revisions. Prof. Richman will update the statement and circulate it by email. If COG members approve, he will then circulate it to the department heads. Prof. Richman also distributed a draft document regarding titles for non-tenure track faculty.
6. The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Allen H. Hoffman
Secretary