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12th meeting of the 2010-2011 AY

Committee on Governance, Worcester Polytechnic Institute

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The Committee on Governance (COG) held its 12th meeting of the 2010-2011 academic year on Thursday, January 13, 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 1:33 PM.
2. The minutes of December 10, 2010 (meeting #11, AY 2010-2011) were accepted with a minor correction.
3. The agenda submitted by Prof. Billiar was accepted with one addition.
4. Secretary of the Faculty Richman reported that he and Provost Overstrom were continuing to work on statement regarding the relationship between tenure track (TTT) and non-tenure track (NTT) faculty that could be brought to the Faculty sometime in term C.
5. An issue was raised as to whether the Acting Chair of COG would be invited to the upcoming Trustees meeting. Provost Overstrom volunteered to resolve the issue.
6. A proposal from CASL to disband the committee was discussed at length. It was felt that a proposal to permanently disband the committee requires more discussion. COG acknowledged that CASL had less business than in previous times and some of its functions were redundant. However, COG felt that CASL provides a valuable interface with the administration and oversight on various policy issues. Perhaps there is a need to redefine and reorganize the structure of the committee. Prof. Rulfs agreed to attend a future meeting of CASL to obtain further clarification of their concerns.
7. Prof. Richman presented CAO’s policy concerning invited guests at its meetings. COG did not have further comment.
8. The draft sexual harassment policy was briefly discussed. It was decided to set aside time at the next meeting to discuss the issues with the Provost and the VP of Human Relations. Provost Overstrom excused himself from the meeting after this item.
9. The procedures to be used for electing Faculty members to the Provost Search Committee were discussed.
10. The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Allen H. Hoffman
Secretary