2nd meeting of the 2010-2011 AY

Committee on Governance, Worcester Polytechnic Institute
The Committee on Governance (COG) held its 2nd meeting of the 2010-2011 academic year on Tuesday, September 9, 2010 in the Chairman’s Room of the Campus Center.
Present: R. Kinicki (Chair), K. Billiar, A. Hoffman, Interim Provost E. Overstrom, J. Rulfs, S. Weekes, B. Vernescu

1. Prof. Kinicki called the meeting to order at 11:03 AM. The committee approved the meeting agenda distributed by Prof. Kinicki.

2. The minutes of the August 31, 2010 meeting (#1, AY 2009-2010) were accepted with minor corrections.

3. COG defined a quorum for its meetings as 6 members and that a majority of those present and voting is required to pass a motion.

4. The new parking regulations were briefly discussed. Since a new campus committee is being formed to further address this issue, COG felt that no action was required on its part.

5. Prof. Kinicki had contacted Prof. McNeill, chair of CTAF, regarding issues that CTAF raised last spring concerning the limited time that CTAF has to review persons being appointed with tenure. CTAF is scheduled to make a presentation at the January 2011 Faculty meeting. COG postponed discussion of this item until after the January Faculty meeting.

6. Prof. Kinicki reported on the meeting with the President, upper level administrators, 2 trustees, the chair of FAP and the Secretary of the Faculty which discussed and reviewed the procedures by which upper level administrative salaries are determined.

7. Prof. Kinicki introduced and reviewed the past history of implementing a system for evaluation of administrators. There was considerable discussion of the topic which will be continued at a later meeting. Prof. Rulfs chairs a subcommittee charged with implementing a new system.

8. There was further discussion of forming a subcommittee that will quantify some of the issues resulting from the rapid increase in undergraduate enrollment. Prof. Hoffman will chair the subcommittee.

9. Prof. Rissmiller has been invited to the September 16th COG meeting to discuss his impending motion concerning the 3/5 year rule.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
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Secretary