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24th meeting of the 2009-2010 AY

Committee on Governance, Worcester Polytechnic Institute

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The Committee on Governance (COG) held its 24th meeting of the 2009-2010 academic year on April 5, 2010 in Washburn Room 220.

Present: H. Vassallo (Chair), J. Blandino, K. Fisler, A. Hoffman, Provost J. Orr, M. Richman, J. Rulfs

1. Prof. Vassallo called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

2. The minutes of COG meeting # 22 were accepted with minor corrections.

3. COG reviewed the motions to appear on the agenda for the April 15th Faculty meeting.

4. The motion to establish the credit conversion between graduate credits and undergraduate units was discussed. There was a diversity of opinions. Several members expressed reservations as to whether there had been sufficient study of the motion to reveal all of the potential ramifications.

5. Item 4 initiated a more general discussion of how effective the governance system is in bringing “big issues” to the Faculty for a vote.

6. There was a discussion of the CTAF motion regarding the role of Deans in the tenure process that had been discussed in meeting #23. COG was comfortable with the wording of the motion.

7. Although the proposed motion at the April 15th Faculty meeting to eliminate the 3/5 rule is being brought forth from outside the Faculty committee structure, it was felt that COG might be placed in the position of being asked to comment on the motion. It was decided to meet next week to ascertain if COG would have a formal response to such a question.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Allen H. Hoffman, Secretary