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The Committee on Governance (COG) held its 22nd meeting of the 2009-2010 academic year on Monday, March 22, 2010 in Washburn Room 220.

Present: H. Vassallo (Chair), J. Blandino, 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 meetings 20 and 21 were approved with minor revisions.

3. COG discussed the procedures for bringing Motion 2 regarding institutional goals to the Faculty meeting on March 25th. COG’s opinion is that this motion is one that replaces the 3/5 year rule with an institutional goal and thus is not separable.

4. There were relatively few faculty that volunteered themselves for various standing committee vacancies. The task of obtaining volunteers for individual committees was apportioned to the various members of COG.

5. Prof. Rulfs had approached CTAF with the new wording that will be used to define eligible members for election to the Faculty Review Committee to see if CTAF was interested in adopting the same wording. CTAF took the matter under review.

6. The need for a broader discussion of the effect of entering class sizes on the quality of the undergraduate program was discussed. It was felt that this is a cross committee issue involving CASL, CAP, the Undergraduate Outcomes Assessment Committee and possibly others. No formal action was taken.

7. Brief discussion took place on CTAF’s opinion on the role of Deans in the tenure process.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Allen H. Hoffman, Secretary