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The Committee on Governance (COG) held its 21th meeting of the 2009-2010 academic year on Monday, March 15, 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. COG reviewed the wording of the 2 motions that it is presenting at the March 25th Faculty Meeting regarding the Faculty Review Committee and the Institution Goals for Non Tenure Track Faculty.

3. COG will have to develop slates of candidates for the upcoming elections for faculty committees. COG will send out a request for faculty members to volunteer to become candidates for the various openings as well as begin to solicit potential nominees. Development of a slate of candidates will be a top priority at the next COG meeting on March 22nd.

4. Professor Rundensteiner will be on sabbatical next year and an election needs to be held find a replacement for the remainder of her term on CTAF.

5. COG returned to discuss the new wording concerning who is eligible for election to the Faculty Review Committee. The COG motion changes the wording from associating ineligibility with certain administrative titles to stating that any faculty member with an administrative appointment of 50% or more is ineligible. COG felt that CTAF should consider adopting the new wording in its definition of who is eligible to serve on CTAF. Prof. Rulfs was asked to convey our request to CTAF and return with an informal opinion as to whether this issue should be moved forward.

6. COG discussed implementing the 2009 Faculty Meeting motion regarding developing a new method for Faculty Evaluation of Administrators. Prof. Rulfs agreed to chair the committee and ask the chairs of the 5 faculty committees involved to each appoint a member to the committee.

7. Provost Orr presented an October 28, 2009 report from Dean of First Year Studies Wobbe regarding a study of January 2008 first year admits. There was considerable discussion about the higher percentage of these students that subsequently were on academic warning or suspension when compared to those who had entered in the previous August. The Provost announced that the number of January 2011 admits, if any, will be contingent on the fall class size.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Allen H. Hoffman, Secretary