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20th meeting of the 2009-2010

Committee on Governance, Worcester Polytechnic Institute

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The Committee on Governance (COG) held its 20th meeting of the 2009-2010 academic year on Monday, March 1, 2010 in the Mid-century Room of the Campus Center.


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

2. The minutes of COG meeting 19 were accepted with minor corrections.

3. Discussion centered on comments received at the February 25th Faculty meeting and whether Motion 2 could be changed in response to those comments. The role of Non Tenure Tract (NTT) faculty in the various departments is quite diverse and difficult to categorize. While the engineering departments are well above the departmental goal of having 60% of the student credit hours taught by Tenured/ Tenure Track (TTT) several departments are substantially below that goal. A strong majority of COG believe that establishment of institutional goals is a necessary component for moving forward on the many issues related to NTT faculty. It was decided to modify Motion 2 by eliminating the department goal relating to the use of NTT faculty while still retaining the overall institutional goal of having 2/3 of the credit hours at WPI taught by TTT faculty.

4. Prof. Micha Hofri was appointed to the Fringe Benefits Committee. He replaces Prof. Richman who is now Secretary of the Faculty.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Allen H. Hoffman
Secretary