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The Committee on Governance (COG) held its 19th meeting of the 2009-2010 academic year on Monday February 22, 2010 in the Mid-century Room of the Campus Center.

Present: H. Vassallo (Chair), J. Blandino, K. Fisler, A. Hoffman, R. Kinicki, 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 18 were accepted with a minor correction.

3. The content of the COG presentation to be made at the February 25, 2010 Faculty meeting was discussed. The presentation will focus entirely on Motion 2 (3/5 year rule and the need for institutional goals). The COG presenter will have about 10 minutes to provide background to the discussion and then about 20 minutes will be allocated for discussion. There seem to be fundamental differences of opinion regarding the value of goals between the Provost and the members of COG. Various members of the committee also reported that based upon their discussions with others, the Faculty at large has a diverse set of views on the entire set of NTT motions. There needs to be broader discussion of these motions before formally bringing them to the Faculty for a vote.

4. According to a report to the Faculty on the Administrative Evaluation Process dated March 6, 2009, COG needs to appoint an ad hoc committee chaired by a member of COG to develop the operational details presented in that report. This item needs to have a higher priority on COG’s agenda.

5. The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Allen H. Hoffman
Secretary