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17th meeting of the 2009-2010

Committee on Governance, Worcester Polytechnic Institute

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The Committee on Governance (COG) held its 17th meeting of the 2009-2010 academic year on Monday February 8, 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 16 were accepted with a minor correction.

3. COG will approach potential nominees for Fringe Benefits Committee to serve out the remainder of Prof. Richman’s term and report back at the next meeting.

4. Prof. Vassallo reported that a replacement is needed on CAP. Following the established practice, the candidate that had received the next highest votes in the spring 2009 elections will be asked if he/she is still interested in serving on the committee.

5. Prof. Fisler had prepared a final motion for discussion regarding increasing the length of terms for the regular members and alternates elected to the Faculty Review Committee. Presently all members are elected annually. COG voted to present the motion at the February Faculty meeting.

6. The remainder of the meeting was spent discussing the proposed motions regarding Non-Tenure Track Faculty (NTT) that had been presented at the January faculty meeting. COG had previously decided to delay presenting any formal motions at the February faculty meeting and that there was a need to develop and present the rationale behind the motions. COG decided to develop a presentation that focuses on Motion 2 (Institutional Goals and the 3/5 year rule). Data from 2008 regarding the percentages of NTT to Tenured Tenure Track (TTT) Faculty for engineering programs with more than 50 graduates was distributed. Prof. Hoffman was nominated to give the COG presentation at the February faculty meeting. He agreed to coordinate developing a draft set of talking points for the next meeting.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Allen H. Hoffman
Secretary