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15th meeting of the 2009-2010

Committee on Governance, Worcester Polytechnic Institute

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The Committee on Governance (COG) held its 15th meeting of the 2009-2010 academic year on Tuesday, January 25, 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 1:03 PM.

2. The minutes of COG meeting 14 were accepted as written.

3. The majority of the meeting was spent reviewing the comments that were made at the January 21, 2010 Faculty meeting. The Faculty meeting seemed to focus upon details and it was felt that COG needed to provide some visionary statements in order to guide the discussion and better explain the rationale for the motions. There is a need to focus discussion on how these motions relate to the long term goals of the institution. It was suggested that the issue of titles which seemed to promote the most discussion should be divided from the rest of the motions. The possibilities of calling special Faculty meetings or just having COG sponsor informational meetings were discussed but no consensus was reached.

4. Prof. Richman reported that the ATC had modified its policies regarding ownership of faculty material on myWPI in a manner that was satisfactory to the committee and that the matter should now be regarded as closed.

5. Prof. Vassallo reminded the committee that election season is coming and that candidates for the various Faculty committees must be recruited in the near future.

6. The meeting was adjourned at 1:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Allen H. Hoffman
Secretary