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The Committee on Governance (COG) held its 7th meeting of the 2009-2010 academic year on Thursday, October 29, 2009 in Suite 2 of Higgins House.

1. Prof. Vassallo called the meeting to order at 11:00 am. The agenda was approved. The Minutes for the October 13, 2009 meeting were approved with minor revisions.

2. The committee members discussed possible meeting times for B-term and agreed to meet at 3 pm on Thursdays. Some known conflicts with this meeting time near the end of the term will need to be resolved at a later date.

3. The committee discussed a question raised by a faculty member regarding the eligibility of a Dept. Head for the “Board of Trustees’ Award for Outstanding Teaching.” Prof. Vassallo read a selection from the faculty handbook (p. 2-71) that states “Heads of departments, unless they were carrying more than a half teaching load, in addition to their administrative duties, were ineligible.”

   The committee voted to pass a motion that Dept. Heads are eligible for the “Board of Trustees’ Award for Outstanding Teaching.”

4. The committee discussed the ongoing reorganization of the IT functions.

5. The committee continued its discussion of non-Tenure Track faculty positions. It began review of a draft set of recommendations to the Provost which would clarify titles and characteristics of non-tenure track positions.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 am.
Respectfully submitted by J. Blandino (acting Secretary).