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3rd meeting of the 2009-2010 AY

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The Committee on Governance held its 3rd meeting of the 2009-2010 academic year on Tuesday September 15, 2009 in the Morgan 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 10:02 AM.

2. The minutes of meeting 1 were accepted as corrected. The minutes of meeting 2 were accepted as written.

3. Prof. Vassallo indicated that there needed to be a special election to elect members to several campus committees. While the numbers were not totally clear at this point in time it appeared that it would be necessary to elect 4 faculty members and one student to varying terms on the Campus Hearing Board and one member to the Faculty Review Committee. It is uncertain whether there is a need to elect faculty members to the University Council. The discussion expanded into the need to streamline the election procedures for several committees including those mentioned above.

4. Provost Orr reviewed ongoing work to synchronize the undergraduate and graduate academic year calendars.

5. Prof. Fisler presented a draft of changes to the Faculty Handbook that would serve as a starting point for continuing discussions regarding guidelines and procedures for titles, appointments and evaluation of non-tenure track faculty. Dropping the title of Instructor as a tenure track faculty position was discussed at length.

6. The next COG meeting on September 22nd will be devoted to discussing the COG presentation scheduled for the October 1st Faculty meeting.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Allen H. Hoffman

Secretary