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28th meeting of the 2008-09 Academic Year

Committee on Governance, Worcester Polytechnic Institute

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The Committee on Governance (COG) held its 28th meeting of the 2008-09 Academic Year at noon on Thursday, April 30, 2009, in the Petersen Room of the Campus Center.

Present: Provost J. Orr. Professors J. Blandino, K. Fisler, J. Hanlan (Chair), J. O'Connor (Secretary), M. Richman, J. Rulfs, and H. Vassallo

Summary: 1. The Committee acted upon the Agenda submitted by Professor Hanan.
2. The Committee addressed the Minutes of its meeting of April 24, 2009.
3. The COG continued its discussion of Information Technology
4. The Committee established a date for its upcoming retreat.

Detail: 1. The Committee approved the Agenda submitted by Prof. Hanlan without change.

2. The Committee approved the Minutes of its meeting of April 24, 2009, without change.

3. COG reviewed Prof. Richman's draft of a recommendation to the WPI Faculty concerning authorization of a permanent COG sub-Committee on Information Technology Policy (CITP). Minor additions were suggested, and Prof. Richman will forward a revised version to COG members before it is sent out to the Faculty. (CITP has been functioning effectively as a temporary sub-Committee of the COG for several years now, and the purpose of the current action is to have the Faculty make it a permanent sub-Committee of COG.)

The Committee then returned to its previous discussion of CITP's "Revised Acceptable Use Policy" and "Procedure to Request an Internal Investigation". Several issues evolved during this deliberation (e.g., what is the intended relationship between these two documents, etc.). The COG ultimately decided that these two documents need to be returned to the CITP for further clarification.

4. COG's retreat will be held from noon to 5 p.m. on Monday, May 18th, at a yet-to-be-determined location. Newly elected members will be invited to attend.

The meeting adjourned at 1 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
J. T. O'Connor, Secretary