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24th meeting of the 2008-09 Academic Year

Committee on Governance, Worcester Polytechnic Institute
The Committee on Governance (COG) held its 24th meeting of the 2008-09 Academic Year at noon on Thursday, April 2, in the Peterson Room of the Campus Center.

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

Summary: 1. The Committee acted upon the Agenda previously submitted by Prof. Hanlan.  
2. The Committee addressed the Minutes of its meeting of March 26, 2009.  
3. COG addressed the issue of ballot formation for those Faculty governance committees for which elections have not yet been held.

Detail: 1. The Committee approved the Agenda submitted by Prof. Hanlan.  
2. The Minutes of COG's meeting of March 26th were accepted as previously submitted.  
3. The major portion of this meeting was used to formulate COG's list of possible Faculty candidates for each of those Faculty governance committees for which elections have not yet been held. Professor Hanlan supplied COG members with a listing of these Faculty governance committees which included both the names of their current members and the years in which each their positions on these committees would expire. Taking into consideration the names (and Departments) of Faculty who have already volunteered to stand for election to each of these committees--and the Departments of those faculty members who will be remaining on each committee after this current Academic Year--COG members named individual Faculty members who might be appropriate for each opening. At this point, each COG Faculty member volunteered to contact a subset of these Faculty members in order to determine their willingness to have their names placed on the ballot.

The objective is to have COG's list of nominees for each committee completed by its next meeting (April 9), so that this list can then be distributed to the Faculty as a whole. At that point the Faculty will be called upon to supplement COG's list by adding either their own names or the names of other Faculty who are willing to be on this ballot.

The meeting adjourned at 1 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. O'Connor, Secretary