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20th meeting of the 2008-09 Academic Year

Committee on Governance, Worcester Polytechnic Institute

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The Committee on Governance (COG) held its 20th meeting of the 2008-09 Academic Year on Thursday, February 19, 2009, in the Peterson Room of the Campus Center.

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

Summary: 1. The Committee acted upon the Agenda submitted by Professor Hanlan.
2. COG acted upon the Minutes of the meeting of February 5, as previously submitted.
3. The Committee discussed at length Provost Orr's proposal to relaunch the search committee for the Associate Provost for Research and Dean of Graduate Studies and reconfigure the position.
4. The Committee discussed possible additional members for the Dean of Management and Dean of Arts & Sciences search committees.

Detail: 1. The Agenda submitted by Professor Hanlan was approved, with one addition.
2. The Minutes of the previous meeting (February 5, 2009) were approved with the exception of one additional sentence— which will be drafted by Professors Fisler and O'Connor and then circulated to the other Committee members.
3. President Berkey and Provost Orr have decided to redirect the committee which was originally searching for an Associate Provost for Research and Dean of Graduate Studies. This same committee will now be searching to fill two positions: a full-time Vice Provost for Research (reporting to the Provost), and a half-time Dean of Graduate Studies (also reporting to the Provost). The Vice Provost for Research position will involve an external search, and the Dean of Graduate Studies position will involve an internal search.

Issues discussed included the relationships of these positions to the three new Deanships, the incremental costs and benefits involved, the advisability of going forward with these two searches at the current time (e.g., prevailing economic conditions, the impending Deanships, etc.), etc.

Provost Orr will discuss COG's concerns with other members of the Administration.

4. The Faculty has elected three members to the search committee for the Dean of Management and three members to the search committee for the Dean of Arts & Sciences. Additional members of these search committees will be appointed by President Berkey, Provost Orr, and COG. COG discussed possible Faculty additions to these search committees, with a
view to providing more disciplinary balance. Professors Hanlan and Vassallo will meet with President Berkey and Provost Orr in order to fill the remaining positions on these search committees.

The meeting adjourned at 2 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. O'Connor, Secretary