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17th meeting of the 2008-09 Academic Year

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The Committee on Governance (COG) held its 17th meeting of the 2008-09 Academic Year on Thursday, January 22, 2009.

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 previously submitted by Prof. Hanlan.
2. The Committee acted upon the Minutes of the meetings of December 17, 2008 and January 15, 2009.
3. Professors Rulfs and O'Connor were asked to comment on the results of their efforts to complete the ballot for Faculty members to serve on the Search Committee for the Dean of Arts and Sciences.
4. The Committee continued its discussions re Professors Hanlan's and Vassallo's draft proposal for revisions to the Faculty's method of reviewing members of the Administration.

Detail: 1. The Committee approved the Agenda submitted by Prof. Hanlan without any changes.
2. The Minutes of the COG meetings of December 17, 2008, and January 15, 2009, were accepted with one minor change.
3. Professors Rulfs and O'Connor reported that they need to secure one more Faculty member's name for the ballot for the Search Committee for the Dean of Arts and Sciences.
4. Professors Hanlan's and Vassallo's proposal for revising the process by which the Faculty reviews members of the Administration would involve the participation of the Faculty committees which work most directly with the particular Administrator being evaluated. Faculty sub-committees would also be involved (e.g., the Fringe Benefits Committee--a subcommittee of FAP), as would the Faculty as a whole. The details involved in implementing such a system were discussed at some length. Professor Vassallo will draft another version of this proposal in light of these discussions.

Respectfully submitted,

J.T. O'Connor, Secretary