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Committee on Governance, Worcester Polytechnic Institute

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The Committee on Governance (COG) held its sixteenth meeting of the 2008-09 Academic Year in the Peterson Room of the Campus Center at 1 p.m. on Thursday, January 15, 2009.

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 Professor Hanlan.
2. The Committee discussed agenda items for Term C.
3. The Committee addressed a draft of proposed revisions to the Faculty's process for reviewing members of the Administration.

Detail: 1. The Agenda submitted by Professor Hanlan was approved as submitted.
2. The following items will be among those addressed by COG during Term C:
   a. Search Committees: Dean of Engineering
      Associate Dean for the First Year
      Dean of Management
      Dean of Arts and Sciences
      Secretary of the Faculty
   b. Revision of the Faculty's process for reviewing members of the Administration;
   c. Proposed Faculty misconduct policies;
   d. Proposed New Committee: Academic Computing Policy Committee;
3. Professors Hanlan and Vassallo presented a draft of proposed revisions to the Faculty's process for evaluating members of the Administration. The current process is not working well (poor response rates by the Faculty, etc.), and COG has agreed to review this process by the end of Term C. The draft proposal presented was discussed at some length and viewed favorably by the Committee. Professor Vassallo requested COG members to send their comments to her so that she can prepare a revised version of this draft for further discussion.

The Committee adjourned at 2 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
J.T. O’Connor, Secretary