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9th meeting of the 2008-09 Academic Year

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The Committee on Governance (COG) held its ninth meeting of the 2008-09 Academic Year in the Morgan Room of the Campus Center at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, November 5, 2008.

Present: Provost J. Orr. Professors J. Blandino, 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 its previous meeting (October 29, 2008).
3. The Committee reviewed the three separate listings of voting Faculty members (previously submitted by Prof. Hanlon), in preparation for the issuance of ballots for Faculty representation on the three Search Committees for the new Academic Deans. Nominating ballots will also be distributed at this time for the newly vacant position of Associate Dean for the First Year.
4. The COG then returned to its discussion of Provost Orr’s memo "Academic Deans at WPI".

Detail: 1. The Committee approved the Agenda previously submitted by Prof. Hanlan.
2. The Committee approved the previously amended minutes submitted by Prof. O’Connor.
3. The COG reviewed and updated the three listings of voting Faculty to be used in the nominating ballots for the election of Faculty members to the three search committees for the new academic deans (i.e., Dean of Engineering, Dean of Arts & Sciences, and Dean of Management). The nominating ballot for the Associate Dean of the First Year will also be issued at the same time. The date for the return of all these nominating ballots will be Tuesday, Nov. 18.
4. The COG discussed the section in Provost Orr’s "Academic Deans at WPI" memo relating to the evaluation of these Deans. Suggestions were also made concerning the consolidation of the section on "Responsibilities and Authority of the Deans". Provost Orr offered to revise these sections in the light of these discussions.

The Committee adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. O’Connor, Secretary