
GOVERNANCE (COG)

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
CHAIR: CLAUDIA BEVERSLUIS

A. Major issues addressed by the committee during the 2010–2011 year

1. An ad hoc committee was established to revise the Faculty Handbook's discussion of copyright policy (§6.15). The committee has concluded its work, and the revision currently is being reviewed by PPC.
2. COG considered the balance in the roles played by both administration and faculty committees in shared governance.
3. Discussion resumed on the creation of a faculty appeals committee, designed to address questions of process used by PPC when addressing personnel matters.

B. Actions the committee brought before Faculty Senate (if any)

1. COG10-01: "Governance Committee Annual Reports to Faculty Senate"
2. COG10-02, -03, -04, -06, -08, -10: Changes to mandates of the Student Retention Subcommittee, the Van Lunen Governing Board, the Student Discipline Committee Appellate Board, the Teacher Education Committee, the Committee on Scholarships and Financial Aid, and the Center for Social Research Governing Board.
3. COG10-05, -09: Changes to §§2.1.1.6, 2.1.1.2 of the faculty handbook
4. COG10-07: "Creation of the Academic Advising Committee"

C. Other actions, not involving Faculty Senate, that the committee initiated or implemented

1. Election of new senators and a new Senate vice president
2. Appointments to governance committees
3. Approval of minor changes to committee mandates

D. Issues that will continue to be before the committee next year

1. Further consideration of a process appeals committee
2. Further discussion of the relationship between committees and administration, and evaluation of the reports contained in the present document
3. COG continues to encourage committees to be proactive in bringing policy drafts to Faculty Senate for discussion and input.
4. Ways in which the Calvin portal can facilitate communication among committee members and between committees and the larger Calvin community will be explored.