Meeting convened at 3:37 p.m.


Guests present: Alexander, Atkinson, House, Koschel, Loughran, Martin, O’Neill Schlesinger, Spiridon

President: Dan Barrett
Parliamentarian: Sam Lightwood

I. Minutes

A. September 17, 2014 (Approved with minor correction) (O’Brien/Green)

II. Announcements

A. Dr. Dan Barrett asked Senators and guests to give a standing ovation to thank Karen Koza for her service as Senate President.
B. Dr. Dan Barrett clarified Parliamentary Procedure with respect to assuming motions and calling for voice votes, and also that Robert’s Rules prohibits the suspension of bylaws.
C. Dr. Dan Barrett reported on the four CSU Senate Presidents’ meeting with President Gray regarding Shared Governance and the Transform 2020 Initiatives and Roadmaps.
   1. Senators are encouraged to read and respond to the initiatives, which will come via email, and be ready discuss and respond.
   2. Gray will submit the set of 36 Initiatives and Roadmaps to the BOR on January 16, 2015, and Senate is encouraged to give feedback before this time so that it can be passed along to Gray.
D. Dr. Dan Barrett informed Senators that the Membership of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Use of E-Devices in the Classroom has been finalized and distributed with the agenda.
E. Jennifer O’Brien stated that the Media & Library Services Policy has been updated and that she is available to answer questions.
F. Dr. Patty O’Neill, WCSU Representative to the BOR FAC announced that the Dreamer Resolution 3.0 had been discussed at other CSU campuses and would be presented to the Senate under new business. O’Neill stated that there are faculty concerns about the search process for the President at Housatonic Community College because there are no faculty members are on this search committee. Also, faculty members of the advisory board to the search committee had to sign a confidentiality agreement, and therefore little can be discerned regarding the process.
G. Dean Jess House stated that WCSU is underrepresented on the Transform 2020 Initiative teams and asked Senators to consider signing up and to ask members of their departments to consider doing so. A sign-up sheet was circulated for this purpose.

III. Unfinished Business

A. Nominations & Elections Committee Bylaws Change
   1. Motion Postponed until the November meeting (Schlicht/Stephenson)

IV. New Business

A. Kevin Koschel, chair of the Physical Working Conditions Committee presented the committee’s proposal for a change in the Smoking Policy. The revised policy addresses the use of e-cigarettes and several tobacco-related products. Motion to approve was made (Schlicht/Stephens), but after questions, and concerns were raised it was postponed until the November meeting. (Greene/Schlicht)

B. Dr. Patty O’Neill asked the Senate to pass the Dreamer Resolution 3.0. Motion was amended (Schlicht/O’Brien) and subsequently approved (O’Brien/Koza).

C. Dr. Jeff Schlicht asked Senators to pass an Affirmative Consent Policy that would be added to the Student Code of Conduct. Motion to approve was made (Popiel/O’Brien), but since this would be a policy change it cannot be voted on until the next meeting. Dr. Schlicht asked Senators to obtain feedback from their departments in the interim.

D. Reports
   1. EAP Annual Report – Accepted with no comments.

V. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:25pm

Submitted,

Liz Popiel

SENATE RESOLUTIONS – October 15, 2014

ORIGINAL MOTION:
R-14-10-1. RESOLVED THAT THE FACULTY SENATE (OR OTHER APPROPRIATE
GOVERNANCE BODY) AT WCSU SUPPORTS A LEGISLATIVE SOLUTION TO THE
CURRENT INEQUITES IN ACCESS TO FINANCIAL AID FOR QUALIFIED,
UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS AND URGES THE FACULTY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS, THE BOARD OF REGENTS, AND THE CONNECTICUT
GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ADDRESS THIS INEQUITY AND ALLOW QUALIFIED,
UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS ACCESS TO FINANCIAL AID.

MOTION AS AMENDED AND PASSED:

R-14-10-1. RESOLVED THAT THE FACULTY SENATE AT WCSU SUPPORTS A
LEGISLATIVE SOLUTION TO THE CURRENT INEQUITES IN ACCESS TO
INSTITUTIONAL FINANCIAL AID FOR QUALIFIED, UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS
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