Meeting convened at 3:35 p.m.

**Members present (alphabetical):** Boriss, Dabros, Einsenson, Fraser, Harris, Heilbronner, House, Huang, Ivanov, Koza, Lupinacci, Maskel, Morton, Moser, Murray, O’Brien, O’Grady, O’Neill, Peretti, Ryan, Skar, Skora, Stephenson, Stevens, Trapani

**Guests present:** Alexander, Cruz, Flanagan, Gates, Goble, Lanier, Reis, Steinmetz

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**I. Minutes**

December, 2012 minutes approved (House/O’Grady; 11/0/8)

**II. Announcements**

A. **Attendance Tracking Procedure** – Dr. Jane Gates discussed the new proactive attendance tracking procedure, which must be followed in order to avoid fines related to inadequate reporting of student withdrawals. One other university in the CSU system has been fined $4 million for this issue. Dr. Gates encouraged Senators to communicate this message to faculty members and to ask any questions that need clarification.

   Dr. Gates also asked Senate to consider how faculty will be able to connect content across disciplines and make learning more relevant. She pointed out that some classes have very high (>25%) fail or withdrawal rates. Retention rates are low.

B. **Update on Budgetary Issues** – Paul Reis provided an update on the budgetary process. Despite a 5% rescission in December for FY13, it is estimated that only a portion will be rescinded (possibly 2%, although this number may change) from the current services appropriation for FY14. There will be a meeting of the BOR’s Finance Committee in the next week and the proposals for tuition increase will become clearer after that time. Efficiencies in operations and additional revenue streams will be discussed as the budgetary process for the coming year begin. He will have more information at the next meeting.

C. **Report back from the FAC and BOR** – Senator Patty O’Neill indicated that she would send the report out by email. She will also attend the March 21 BOR meeting.
D. **Update on SAC and Senator Bye’s Visit to WCSU** - Senator Mike Fraser discussed how the Student Advisory Committee met with the CFO of the BOR regarding issue of concern, including the tuition increase. Senator Fraser discussed an email campaign to try to get students to voice their concerns. Also, buses are being provided to students to transport them to the BOR meeting on March 21.

Dr. Bye visited WCSU in December, attended a class, and met with the university community. She is proposing changes to the SAC of the BOR as well as the FAC, possibly adding two student seats to the BOR.

E. **Meeting** – President Koza reminded Senators that the next meeting would take place on March 20 at the Midtown Campus in Room SC202. All other Senate meetings in spring 2013 will remain the same.

### III. Unfinished Business

A. **ConnSCU TAP Agreement** – Senator Koza reminded Senators that the following motion had been presented to take back to their departments for discussion.

**Motion:**
The WCSU Senate ratifies the TAP framework, competencies, and learning outcomes using established curriculum governance procedures. The results will be presented to the Board of Regents” (Stephenson/Ivanov; 17/1/4).

The motion passed.

B. **Tiered-competency Model for General Education** – Senator Koza reminded Senators that the following motion had been presented to take back to their departments for discussion.

Further discussion ensued regarding the need for tiered competencies in GenEd and the form that they might take. The current motion would enable proposals to be provided for a tiered approach in order to explore this option.

**Motion:**
The future General Education program should be a tiered-competency based model, so that our students will be exposed to selected competencies multiple times throughout their course of study (O’Neill/Murray; 17/0/4).
IV. New Business

No new business was presented.

V. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

February Resolutions Passed in Senate; Approved by Dr. Schmotter

R-13-02-01. THE SENATE RATIFIES THE TAP FRAMEWORK, COMPETENCIES, AND LEARNING OUTCOMES USING ESTABLISHED CURRICULUM GOVERNANCE PROCEDURES. THE RESULTS WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS. Passed SENATE: 17/4/1

R-13-02-02. THE FUTURE GENERAL EDUCATION PROGRAM SHOULD BE A TIERED COMPETENCY-BASED MODEL, SO THAT OUR STUDENTS WILL BE EXPOSED TO SELECTED COMPETENCIES MULTIPLE TIMES THROUGHOUT THEIR COURSE OF STUDY. Passed SENATE: 17/4/0