Meeting convened at 3:35 p.m.


I. Minutes

Approval of October, 2012 Minutes (Boily/O’Neill; 9/1/7)

II. Announcements

A. Update on TAP Agreement - Dr. Robin Flanagan provided an update on the TAP agreement. WCSU will prepare to accept 30 credits of general education credits from the community colleges as general education credits upon completion of students’ Associate Degrees. Program pathway committees will establish clear pathways through to the completion of major degrees. At many campuses, competencies will translate into a checklist for completion, not specific courses. Dr. Flanagan requested feedback from Senators by Friday, October 19, 2012.

B. Alignment of Competencies – Dr. Jane Gates provided an overview and stated that competencies will be aligned with learning outcomes and courses. It has been recommended that each university or college assess the level of competencies of students who transfer into the learning institution.

C. Update on Other Topics – Dr. Jane Gates provided an overview of the following topics:

1. Title IV – A review places the university at risk to lose Title IV funds through lack of verification of attendance. Nancy Barton, Director of Financial Services, outlined the issue regarding the return of R2T4 funds. Students who pay through their education through Title IV financial assistance (e.g., Pell grant, SCOG, federal work study, Perkins Loan Program, subsidized and unsubsidized student loans), but who do not complete 60% of the term, are not entitled to the full amount that was disbursed. Therefore, the months of August through October are critical to verify attendance. During a program review, auditors will review a university report on attendance. Students may stop attending during this period and may not follow up with
paperwork. From the date that the student stops attending, the university has 30 days to return the funds. If not, the university will owe the funds plus interest. Target dates will be formulated and attendance will be assessed by a tool. Dr. Gates asked for recommendations from Senators, to be forwarded to either her or Nancy Barton.

2. Academic Readiness – Dr. Gates described how students who receive scores from Smarter Balance will come to the university with portfolios within 3-4 years, and the university must find a way to assess them. Dr. Gates will forward related documents to President Koza.

3. Common Calendar – Dr. Gates updated the Senators on the Common Calendar, which is under consideration. A template will be forwarded for Senators to take back to their departments for discussion.

4. Report from Strategic Planning Committee – Dr. Gates provided an update on the report. The next step will be to identify indicators for the five ConnSCU goals.

5. Student Services – Dr. Gates announced that all academic affairs units submitted reports to improve student affairs at the university.

D. **Update on Political Concerns** – President Schmotter provided an update on the political process involved with the BOR.

E. **Announcement of Second CSU Professorship** – President Koza formally announced the opening. Deadline for applications is November 1, 2012. Procedures for applying were provided in the agenda.

F. **Update on Concerns ConnSCU** – Student representative, Mike Fraser, entertained questions regarding concerns affecting the ConnSCU system.

G. **Senate Meeting Dates in 2012-2013 Academic Year** - President Koza reminded Senators that Senate had passed a resolution in March 2012 that the November and December 2012, and May 2013 Senate meetings be moved to the 2nd Wednesday of the month. September, October 2012 and February, March and April 2013 Senate meetings will meet on the normal 3rd Wednesday of the month. These corrected dates will be on the University’s Academic Calendar and Senate webpage.

H. **CSU Leadership Working Group** – President Koza provided feedback from the meeting. A concern exists regarding electronic security, and President Koza asked for Senators with familiarity with the issue come forward to share the knowledge with the group. Also, the group developed a draft document on the topic of defining who the CSUs are.
Senators are requested to take the following back to their departments for input before November 1:

- Student-faculty research initiatives
- Events and service to the external community.

Information and web links should be forwarded to President Koza for verification.

III. Unfinished Business

A. University of Compassion - Dr. Chris Kukk and Honor students re-addressed questions from the Senate regarding the Charter of Compassion.
   Motion for closed vote (Murray/Collins; 11/12/3) – motion failed.

   WCSU will adopt the designation of WCSU as a University of Compassion (Fraser/Skar; 17/4/4). Motion passed.

IV. New Business

A. Streamlining the Submission Process for Reassigned Time for Research – Dr. Tom Philbrick discussed changes to the proposed process, which will allow members of the faculty to apply for reassigned time online. This year, faculty members will still be allowed to submit in hardcopy. Motion to accept modification to streamline submission process (Murray/Buccini; 22/0/1).

B. Reports

President Koza presented the 2011-2012 Annual Reports from the following standing committees and entertained questions from the Senate Faculty:

1. CUCAS Annual Report, Dr. Robin Flanagan, Chair (outgoing) – no questions.
2. Educational Achievement and Access Program (EAP) Committee Annual Report, Dr. Patrick Ryan, Chair (outgoing) – no questions.

V. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 5:26 p.m.
October 2012 Senate Resolutions

R-12-10-01. SENATE APPROVED THE FOLLOWING: WCSU WILL ADOPT THE DESIGNATION OF WCSU AS A UNIVERSITY OF COMPASSION. Passed SENATE: 17/4/4

R-12-10-02. SENATE APPROVED THE FOLLOWING PLAN TITLED ‘STREAMLINING THE APPLICATION SUBMISSION PROCESS FOR REASSIGNED TIME FOR RESEARCH. Passed SENATE: 22/0/1.