May 9, 2012
Meeting of 2012 – 2013 Senate
Westside Campus Ballroom North

Meeting convened at 3:35 p.m.

Members present (alphabetical): Algenbraun, Boily, Boriss, Buccini, Collar, Fenwick, Fraser, Heilbronner, Ganchev, Huang, Koza, Levy, Luipinacci, McDaniel, Moser, Murray, O’Brien, O’Grady, O’Neill, Peretti, Rossi, Secondo, Skar, Skora, Stephens, Stephenson, Stevens,

Guests present (alphabetical): Gates, Kain, Reis, Spiridon

I. Statement of Appreciation - President Koza thanked the Senators and the Executive Committee for their service.

II. Election of Officers

   A. President - Karen Koza (nominated by Boily) – no other nominations – Karen Koza was elected by acclamation.

   B. Vice President – D. L. Stephenson (nominated by Fraser) – no other nominations – Senator Stephenson was elected by acclamation.

   C. Secretary - Nancy Heilbronner (nominated by Stephenson) – no other nominations – Senator Heilbronner was elected by acclamation.

   D. Archivist – Jennifer O’Brien (nominated by Stephenson) – no other nominations – Senator O’Brien was elected by acclamation.

II. Senate Meeting Dates in 2012-2013 Academic Year

President Koza reminded Senators that the November and December 2012 Senate meetings, and the May 2013 Senate meeting will be moved to the second Wednesday of the month. The September and October 2012 meetings and February, March and April 2013 Senate meetings will meet on the third Wednesday of each month.

III. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.
Meeting convened at 3:42 p.m.

**Members present (alphabetical):** Boriss, Buccini, Fenwick, Fraser, Heilbronner, Koza, Levy, Maskel, Moser, Murray, O’Brien, O’Grady, Rossi, Secondo, Skar, Stephenson, Stevens

**Guests present (alphabetical):** Barrett, Flanagan, Gates, Kain, Rabe, Reis, Spiridon

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I. **Minutes**

   A. April 2012 – approved with the following modifications (Secondo/Fenwick; 15/0/6):

      Correct the spelling of Flanagan.

II. **Announcements**

   A. **Statement of Appreciation** - President Schmotter thanked the Faculty Senate for their work during the 2011-2012 academic year.

   B. **Presentation by Board of Regents (BOR), Dr. Robert Kennedy** – Dr. Kennedy stressed the role of the BOR in decreasing redundancy and increasing cost savings. As a result of these savings, campuses will be allocated 40-50 new staff positions. Dr. Kennedy has asked for a summary from each college or university as to how positions saved will be utilized in the future.

      Four goals of the BOR include:
      - The Transfer and Articulation Policy
      - College readiness
      - Collaboration with industries and businesses
      - Incentives for faculty and students for creativity and academic pursuits.

      Dr. Kennedy addressed faculty questions that had been previously submitted, as well as questions that were raised during the meeting:
On the issue of consolidation - Dr. Kennedy spoke of streamlining the bureaucracy. He anticipates that the effect of the consolidation on WCSU will be positive. No plans exist to consolidate departments. The BOR anticipates that the consolidation will take place over the next few months.

Individual universities will still develop their own strategic plans.

On his view of the relative importance of teaching and research for faculty at WCSU – each campus should determine the relative importance for themselves. However, marketing efforts should be conducted to inform the public of the strength of the colleges and universities in the system.

On how to increase reassigned time for faculty – Dr. Kennedy agreed with this concern. The legislature has proposed a bill that will allow reassigned time to be examined across the state. UConn defines reassigned time (as opposed to release time) as time that faculty provides at no cost and for duties that faculty were already performing.

On the strengths of the different CSU schools – Dr. Kennedy spoke of the different strengths of the various institutions. He also mentioned the need for different institutions to serve different clientele effectively.

On how to increase student retention – Dr. Kennedy discussed the importance of providing appropriate student advisement, first-year experiences, good living environments, and more.

On the role of Arts and Sciences in a well-rounded college education – Dr. Kennedy discussed his experiences in A&S and how he views opportunities in new fields such as bioethics and more.

On plans for creating a 4-year community college – Dr. Kennedy stated that the BOR has no plans for a 4-year community college.

Dr. Kennedy stated that he has provided President Koza his email address and encouraged senators to send questions.
C. **Update on the Senate Election for Representatives to the 9 System-wide Core Competency Committees plus Alternate** – President Koza announced that the following individuals were nominated and elected to serve on the eight System-wide Core Competencies Subcommittees:

- Core 1: Katy Wiss
- Core 2: William Joel
- Core 3: Jessica Eckstein
- Core 4: Robin James
- Core 5: Charles Rocca
- Core 6: Alba Skar
- Core 7: Patty O’Neill
- Core 8: Pamela McDaniel

  System-wide Core Competencies Steering Committee:
  - Acting Representative: Robin Flanagan
  - Alternate: Adeline Merrill

D. **Update on System-wide Core Competency Committees** – Dr. Gates reported that there had been a change in the leadership from Dr. L. Feroe to Dr. E. Nunez. The coordinating council will be called soon so that the timeframe for convening the committees may be put into writing.

E. **Report Back from WCSU Representative to the BOR Faculty Advisory Committee (FAC)** – Dr. Patty O’Neill reported on recommendations developed by the BOR FAC:
   - Appoint a full-time project manager to oversee the implementation;
   - Assign dedicated information technology technicians to the process;
   - Encourage senior administrators to adopt a common approach to the adoption of the Transfer and Articulation agreement.

F. **Information on Admissions SAT Optional Pilot Program** – Steven E. Goetsch, Director of Admissions, presented information on the SAT Optional Pilot program. Next year, the university will allow students to submit high school transcripts and a list of activities in lieu of SAT scores.

G. **Report Back on Dr. Elsa Nunez’s (representing the Connecticut State Board of Regents) Meeting with Senate Officers (on Wednesday, May 2nd) Concerning University Campus Climate** - Dr. Maskel reported that members of the Senate Executive Committee had met with Dr. Nunez regarding university climate on the topic of sexual assault.
H. **Other** – President Koza announced that she will designate Senator Secondo as Parliamentarian for the fall of 2012. Senator Maskel will return and serve as Parliamentarian in the spring of 2013.

IV. **Unfinished Business**

No unfinished business was discussed.

V. **New Business**

A. **Summer Curriculum Grant Applications Guidelines (approved by CUCAS)** *

   Motions:
   Motion to suspend the rule (Murray/Skar; 14/1/2).
   Acceptance of application guidelines was approved (Secondo/Skar; 13/0/4).

B. **Committee on General Education, Bylaw Changes** * – Dr. Flanagan reported on recommended bylaw change for General Education.

   Motions:
   Motion to suspend the rule (Stephenson/Secondo; 13/4/1).
   Motion to accept bylaws as corrected was approved (Stephenson/Secondo; 12/2/3).

C. **Curriculum Approval Process** - Dr. Robin Flanagan reported on efforts to streamline the curriculum approval process. Most of the course revisions would go from the department to the Provost. New courses, programs, majors, etc. would still go through CUCAS.

   Motions:
   Motion to suspend the rule (Collar; Stevens; 16/2/0).
   Motion to accept streamlining of curriculum of approval with two provisions for one year, if it passes CUCAS, was approved (Maskel, Fraser; 14/0/4).

C. **Reports**

   P&T Committee Annual Report * - Dr. George Kain entertained questions and discussion on the report. No questions or discussion emerged.
D. **Academic Program Review Process** – Dan Gobel reported on the changes to the review process, made to align the process more closely with NEASC Standards.

Motions:
Motion to suspend the rule (Skar/Murray; 17/1/0).
Motion to accept revisions to the Academic Program Review Process as presented was accepted (Skar/Murray; 16/0/2).

E. **Other** - Paul Reis reported on the budgeting process.

VI. **Adjournment** -

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

**May Resolutions (Approved by President Schmotter):**

**R-12-05-01.** SENATE APPROVED THE FOLLOWING PLAN TITLED ‘STREAMLINING THE CURRICULUM APPROVAL PROCESS’ FOR ONE YEAR, CONTINGENT UPON PASSING CUCAS ON MAY 10TH 2012. Passed SENATE: 14/0/4

*Note:* CUCAS passed this plan in its May 10th 2012 meeting.

**R-12-05-02.** SENATE APPROVED THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES TITLED ‘SUMMER CURRICULUM GRANT APPLICATIONS GUIDELINES’. Passed: 13/0/4

**R-12-05-03.** SENATE APPROVED THE FOLLOWING BYLAW CHANGES TITLED ‘GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE, BYLAW CHANGES’. Passed: 12/2/3

*Note:* Section II D: Change ‘CUCAS’ to ‘Provost / Vice President for Academic Affairs’.

**R-12-05-04.** SENATE APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ACADEMIC REVIEW PROCESS TITLED ‘WCSU ACADEMIC PROGRAM REVIEW PROCESS, REVISION PROPOSED BY DEANS COUNCIL, 11/14/2011, AMENDED 03/15/2012’. Passed: 16/0/2