Meeting convened at 3:35 p.m.

**Members present (alphabetical):** Augenbraun, Ball (for O’Grady), Boriss, Collar, Eisenson, Fenwick, Fraser, Hagan, Hayes, Heilbronner, Huang, Ivanov, Khoo, Koza, Lindenauer, Lupinacci, Manes, Maskel, Morton, Moser, Murray, O’Brien, Rossi, Rybcyk, Secondo, Skora, Stephens, Stephenson, Stevens, Tonner, Veneziano

**Guests present (alphabetical):** Bernstein, Flanagan, Ganchev, Goble, Lanier, Schmotter, Netto, Reis, Spiridon

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**I. Minutes**

March, 2012 accepted with the following modifications (Murray/Fraser; 20/0/4):

A. Modified: 3rd page – Motion to Suspend the Rules – Modify vote count to 16/1/0 – there were no abstentions.

B. Modified: Change i. Communications is changed to i. Communication.

**II. Announcements**

A. **Update on the BOR Transfer & Articulation Policy; Latest Draft for TAP Implementation** – Dean Goble provided an update on the policy. A System-wide Core Competencies Steering Committee will be responsible for identifying, from the eight specified areas in the BORs TAP, the competencies to be addressed in the 30 credit common general education core and for formulating initial recommendations regarding learning outcomes for each competency. The committee will be selected in April and will consist of one representative from each school. Eight other individuals per institution will serve on eight Common Core Competencies subcommittees (one representative per committee). An alternate will also be selected. The subcommittees will be selected in May. A stipend of $3,000 per representative will be paid for the period ending August, 2012.

President Koza described the urgency of the committee selection process. She reviewed how other institutions are selecting their representatives and suggested that Senators take the information back to the departments to determine whether qualified faculty members might be interested in filling the committees. Committee members must have a knowledge of: (a)
the general education core curriculum, (b) curriculum mapping aligned with learning outcomes, and familiarity with (c) competency models.

Motion to suspend the rules (Khoo/Stephenson; 24/1/1).

Motion:
The Senate will elect a temporary representative to the System-Level Core Competencies Steering Committee today. We will also seek faculty volunteers to serve on the committees; each faculty nominee should submit his/her name, qualifications, and committee(s) they want to serve on to Senate President Koza by Tuesday, April 24th. The Senate election for all 9 committees (10 representatives with the alternate) will be closed at noon, April 27th.

(Maskel/Moser; 26/0/1)

Motion to suspend the rules (Khoo/Murray; 24/1/1).

Motion:
We nominate Dr. Robin Flanagan as the temporary representative to the System-Level Core Competencies Steering Committee (Fraser/Murray; 27/0/1).

B. Update on NEASC Self-Study Survey – Dean Goble stated that the survey was sent out twice; the response rate was 29%.

C. Remediation Bill 40 – Senator Fraser discussed the Connecticut bill, which would provide for embedded support for students who place close to college level. Students in need of severe remediation would be provided options outside of the normal semester. As of 2016, no institution would be able to offer a remedial course. The bill is scheduled to go to the Senate and House floors within the next few weeks.

D. Update on Budgetary Issues – Paul Reis provided an update on the budgetary issues for FY12 and FY13. Tax collections for FY12 may be weaker than expected which would reduce appropriations; however, the budget for FY12 is projected to be completed in balance. The budget for FY13 was submitted on April 5 and is projected to be balanced as well. Several revenue items have increased (e.g., tuition and fees have increased slightly; food and housing costs have increased as well). Several expense items have increased as well (e.g., funded faculty lines have increased by two). Approximately $1.14 million of reserves is projected to be used during FY13.

E. Prior Resolutions – President Koza announced that Dr. Schmotter has signed/approved Senate’s March resolutions:
R-12-03-01. SENATE ACCEPTS THE GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE APPROVAL PROCESS FOR COURSES SEEKING A GENERAL EDUCATION DESIGNATION. Passed: 16/2/1

R-12-03-02. SENATE APPROVED TO MOVE THE MONTHS IN CONFLICT WITH SENATE’S REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING DATE - NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2012, AND MAY 2013 - TO THE 2ND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH. Passed: 18/0/1

R-12-03-03. SENATE APPROVED TO ACCEPT THE NEW COMMUNICATION COURSE (COM163: LIVING IN COMMUNICATION) FOR GENERAL EDUCATION CREDIT AND TO BE LISTED AS AN OPTION IN COMMUNICATION SKILLS. Passed: 17/0/2

F. CSU Chapter President Meeting – President Koza informed Senators that on Friday, April 13th, there was a meeting of all CSU Chapter Presidents, Senate Presidents and CSU-AAUP President Vijay Nair at CCSU. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss governance issues under the new BOR. President Koza shared Vijay Nair and Michael Shea’s (SCSU Chapter President) positive outlook that shared governance would continue to play a key role under the new BOR.

G. Senate Meeting – President Koza reminded all Senators that May’s Senate meeting will be held on May 9th, 2012 (second Wednesday of the month), on the Westside Campus. All current Senators, as well as Senators who will be serving in the 2012-2013 academic year, should attend. There will be two meetings in May – first meeting will be the election of Senate officers for the academic year 2012-2013 (for Senators serving in the 2012-2013 academic year); the second meeting will be the regular May Senate meeting (for all current Senators).

H. Other - Senator O’Brien entertained questions and comments regarding the process of committee elections. She stated that, per the Nominations and Elections By-laws, preliminary candidates must be reduced to twice the number of candidates per seat, and so multiple elections are sometimes necessary.

President Koza also announced that she has extended invitations to BOR President, Dr. Robert A. Kennedy, and BOR Executive Vice President, Mr. Michael P. Meotti, to come Senate to speak with Senators.

III. Unfinished Business

A. Current Status of the Common Hour – Dr. Rob Whittemore encouraged Senators to revisit the issue. He reiterated the need for the Common Hour, which would provide time for faculty
and students to serve on committees, clubs, brown-bag lunches, and task forces or attend events without conflicting with classes.

President Koza suggested that Senators bring the topic back to their departments to determine if there is interest. Senator Whittemore has volunteered to start a subcommittee to explore the issue.

IV. New Business

A. Other – There was no new business.

V. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

April 18th Senate Resolutions:

R-12-04-01. The Senate will elect a temporary representative to the System-Level Core Competencies Steering Committee today. We will also seek faculty volunteers to serve on the committees; each faculty nominee should submit his/her name, qualifications, and committee(s) they want to serve on to Senate President Koza by Tuesday, April 24th. The Senate election for all 9 committees (10 representatives with the alternate) will be closed at noon, April 27th (Maskel/Moser; 26/0/1).

R-12-04-02. We nominate Dr. Robin Flanagan as the temporary representative to the System-Level Core Competencies Steering Committee (Fraser/Murray; 27/0/1).