I. Minutes

February 2012 accepted with the following modification (Buccini/Murray; 13/0/1):

A. Modified: Change Senator Koo to Khoo
B. Change “Rationed” to “Rationale” on bottom of 4th page

II. Announcements

A. Update on the Draft of BOR Transfer and Articulation Policy – Dr. Robin Flanagan, Chair of CUCAS, provided an update on the CSU involvement in the proposed transfer, articulation, and common core agreement between community colleges, CSU campuses, and Charter Oak School. Based on this meeting and feedback from stakeholders at the 17 campuses, the Faculty Advisory Committee adopted 10 recommendations, passed with unanimous support. Dr. Flanagan discussed the need for faculty involvement.

Dr. Gates provided an update on the framework for faculty input to the process. The Core Curriculum Competencies Committee will be comprised of individuals appointed from the 17 institutions. By September 30, 2012, agreement is required on general learning outcomes; the proposal is for this work to take place over the summer by campus-based committees consisting of paid content experts at the campuses.

Mike Fraser discussed Senate Bill 40, which deals with remediation, due for a vote.

B. Change in CELT Bylaws – President Koza informed the Senate that Dr. Schmotter has signed the Senate’s resolution on the change to the CELT Bylaws.
C. Update on Assessments of MA in English and MBA – The University commission charged with assessing the MA in English met on March 8; the commission charged with assessing the MBA will meet on March 15.

D. Other – Paul Reis updated the Senate on the fact that the fiscal budget is due April 6. Planning sessions are and continue to be ongoing. Fees have increased slightly and slightly more appropriations were received than expected, which are expected to result in a “status quo” budgetary situation.

President Koza proposed that the next Senate meeting would be a good time to readdress the Common Hour. Interested volunteers who wish to sit on a committee to explore the issues should see Dr. Whittemore.

III. Unfinished Business

A. General Education Committee Resolution

In order for a course to be considered for a General Education designation the submitting department must provided a copy of the *Intent to include a course in the General Education Curriculum* and they must make clear the components of the course that make it a general education course and not just a course from a given content area. In particular courses should specifically address the ways in which the course addresses the established general education goals/objectives for the designation requested. If no goals/objectives exist for the given designation or if the course does not satisfy the existing goals/objectives then clear justification for the designation will be expected. (Note that per our bylaws this would apply to all course proposals seeking Gen Ed designation including FDS, SIS, and Guided Readings.)

Objectives have been developed for the following areas:

i. Communications
ii. Computer Science, Math, and Natural Sciences
iii. History
iv. Humanistic Studies (In Paper Form)
v. Literature
vi. World Languages and Literature
These objectives were generally arrived at so that they would be in line with the *General Education Statement of Principles* put out by the CT Department of Higher Education and the WCSU General Education Task Force definition of an *Educated Person*. (The quoted documents and objectives are contained in the following pages.)

A motion was made at the February, 2012 meeting to accept the General Education Resolution (Hagan/Buccini). The resolution passed (16/2/1).

B. *Senate Meeting Dates* – President Koza discussed the Senate Meeting dates for 2012-2013. Three of the standard meeting dates conflict with the academic calendar. It was suggested that these dates (November, December, and May) be moved to second Wednesday of the month.

Motion:
Motion to suspend the rules (Murray/Buccini; 16/0/1).

Motion:
Motion to move the meeting for the conflicting dates (November, December, and May) to the second Wednesday of the month.

The resolution passed (Moser/Fraser; 18/0/1).

C. *New Communication Course (COM163)* – A motion was made at the February meeting to accept the new course (Murray/Buccini). The resolution passed (17/0/2).

IV. *New Business* – No new business was brought forward.

V. *Adjournment* - The meeting adjourned at 4:49 p.m.
Senate Resolutions passed in the March 2012 Senate Meeting

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