Meeting convened at 3:33 p.m.


Guests present: Alexander, Clark, Cratty, Cumella, Custer, Gates, Gauvin, Kenausis, O’Neill, Schmiedel

President: Dan Barrett
Parliamentarian: Sam Lightwood

I. Minutes

A. May 6, 2015
   a. Senate ’15-’16: Approved as written
   b. Senate ’14-’15: Approved as written

II. Announcements

A. Senate President’s Report
   a. All Senate resolutions from last year were approved by Dr. Schmotter
   b. New Senate website is up thanks to Senator O’Brien
   c. Encourage colleagues to nominate themselves for committees
B. University President’s Remarks – Dr. John Clark
   a. Participate in the strategic planning process
C. Budget Update – Sean Loughran
   a. Used $2 million in reserves last year
   b. Enrollment this year is below estimate by about 1% = additional savings must be found
   c. WCSU enrollment is down the most of all the CSUs; consequently, our base funding from the system office has been reduced relative to the other CSUs
D. WCSU Representative to the BOR FAC – Dr. Patty O’Neill
   a. If collecting data from human subjects, BOR policy states any data you store on WCSU computers are subject to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) – this conflicts with the guarantee of confidentiality that is an integral part of informed consent
i. You may want to consider storing human subjects data on your own computer to guarantee confidentiality

E. Ad Hoc Committee on Academic Advisement and Registration Update – Dr. Marcy May
   a. Committee has met frequently—including many times over the summer—and has almost finished its report (to be submitted for the October Senate meeting).

F. Ad Hoc Committee on the Use of E-Devices in the Classroom Update – Dr. Matthew Dabros
   a. Committee conducted a survey of faculty; will hold open forums to solicit feedback from staff, students, and faculty
   b. Policy draft to be completed shortly thereafter

G. Ad Hoc Committee on the Faculty Handbook Update – Dr. Katie Lever
   a. Committee has begun to identify essential elements of a faculty handbook

H. Student Retention Success Task Force Report – Dr. Tom Philbrick
   a. Report has been delivered to Provost’s office
   b. Provost Gates is reviewing this and will report back to the Senate about the administration’s plans vis-à-vis the Task Force recommendations

I. Deadline for Withdrawal from a Class without Academic Penalty – Keith Gauvin
   a. Current deadline is the day before Finals begin
   b. Some faculty have raised concerns about the change from the previous policy in which deadline was the 10th week of the semester
   c. Open forum to discuss withdrawal deadline will be week of September 21
      i. Wednesday, September 23, 2015 – Midtown Campus Higgins Annex 214 3:00pm – 4:00pm
      ii. Thursday, September 24, 2015 – Westside Campus West Side 243 3:00pm – 4:00pm

III. Unfinished Business

A. None

IV. New Business

A. BA in Digital and Interactive Media (New Degree) – Dr. JC Barone
   a. RESOLVED THAT THE UNIVERSITY SENATE APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FOR A BA DEGREE IN DIGITAL AND INTERACTIVE MEDIA (Rosenthal)

B. Proposed BA in Applied Computing (New Degree) – Dr. Gancho Ganchev
   a. RESOLVED THAT THE UNIVERSITY SENATE APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FOR A BA DEGREE IN APPLIED COMPUTING (Rosenthal)

C. Reports
   a. Institute for Financial Literacy – Elise Silkowski

V. Adjournment: 4:16 p.m.