Meeting convened at 3:30 pm


Guests present (alphabetical): Alexander, Barone, Brower, Cratty, Dennis, DeRosa, Echeverria, Haensch, Kenausis, Marcone, Minier-Delgado, Murphy, Murthy, Petkanas, Roche, Woodward

President: Tom Philbrick
Secretary: Paul Nugent

I. New Business

A. Election of Senate Officers for 2018-2019 Academic Year
   a. President – nomination of Philbrick (Custer)
      Approved
   b. Vice President – nomination of O’Brien (Custer)
      Approved
   c. Secretary – nomination of Nugent (O’Brien)
      Approved
   d. Archivist – nomination of Tom (Custer)
      Approved

II. Adjournment
3:35pm
a. President Clark provided an overview of the recent handling of the Norovirus outbreak and the water main break including the timeline of events and emergency points of contact.
b. He also provided an update on the Students First initiative which was rejected by NEASC.
C. Provost Missy Alexander
   a. Provost Alexander shared information about the university-wide implementation of the Aqua application, the upcoming workshop on critical thinking, and the WCSU Economic Impact Statement.
D. Update on making all Senate materials available on-line. Ms. Jennifer O’Brien
   a. Senator O’Brien announced that on the Senate webpage there are now be Tabs for each senate committee and that the content from senate meetings that is applicable to specific committees has now been copied to those areas.
E. Conversion of DEC materials to Blackboard. Mr. Fred Cratty
   a. Mr. Cratty addressed several of the concerns that were voiced at the previous Senate meeting.
   b. Regarding concerns about security, he stated that blackboard is a tool for storing information but faculty members will maintain original materials.
   c. With respect to potential licensing issues, he stated that the WCSU has a site license for Adobe and that IT&I can grant that license to those who need it.
   d. For scanning support he said that departments already have access to copiers that can scan and they will also have access to scanners in the HR conference room.
   e. With respect to the concern that departments who participate in the piloting of the new system may be at a disadvantage, he said that they will work to make sure that these departments can’t be penalized if problems and delays occur.
   f. Finally, for the potential issue that storage capacity may be a problem, Mr. Cratty stated that they have analyzed this and that there are no limitations for data storage.
F. Office of Diversity & Equity. Ms. Jesenia Minier-Delgado, MPA
   b. AAUP Minority Recruitment and Retention Committee (MRRC)
   c. SUOAF Minority Recruitment and Mentoring Committee (MRMC)
G. Banner Modernization and Standardization project update. Mr. John DeRosa
   a. Mr. DeRosa provided an update on the modernization of Banner which includes moving to Banner 9 by December 2018 (Phase II) and standardization of Banner across CSCU system where possible (Phase III).
H. Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSAB) Accreditation. James Donegan
   a. The Ancell School of Business has officially been granted AACSAB accreditation.

III. Unfinished Business

A. New MS in Addiction Studies (Psychology). Dr. Shane Murphy
   Motion to approve the WCSU Master of Science in Addiction Studies.
   Approved

B. Jane Goodall Center for Excellence in Environmental Education Bylaws. Dr. Mitch Wagener
   Motion to approve the Bylaws for the Jane Goodall Center for Excellence in Environmental Education
   Approved

C. Promotion & Tenure Committee Bylaw change. Dr. William Petkanas
Motion to approve the changes to the Promotion & Tenure Committee Bylaws.

Approved

D. Palpable injustice grade appeal process guidelines. Dr. Patty O’Neill
   Motion (Nugent) to postpone until September
   Approved

E. Strategic Plan Evaluation of Programs Committee: Draft Program Evaluation Template.
   Dr. Pam McDaniel
   Motion (O’Brien) to allow Dr. McDaniel to address the Senate regarding the draft program evaluation template. Approved.
   Soliciting feedback (clarifications, additions, etc.) for new template.
   Bring back to departments for comment. Email comments to McDaniel with subject line indicating this topic. Discussion to be continued in September.

IV. New Business

A. Student Life Committee. Mr. Daryle Dennis
   a. Motion to discuss (O’Neal)
   b. Proposed changes to bylaws. Mr. Daryle Dennis
      Motion (O’Brien) to approve the changes to the Student Life Committee bylaws.
      Bring back to departments for comment.

B. Research & Development Committee: proposed changes to application form. Dr. Joshua Rosenthal
   Motion to discuss (O’Neill)
   Motion (O’Brien) to approve the changes to the Research & Development Committee application form.
   Bring back to departments for comment.

V. Adjournment

5:09pm