Meeting convened at 3:32 p.m.


President: Dan Barrett
Parliamentarian: Sam Lightwood

I. Minutes

A. January 21, 2015 - Approved with one amendment

II. Announcements

A. President’s Report
   a. Board of Regents (BOR) is creating a Transform 2020 Steering Committee
   b. Ad Hoc committees on Course Scheduling and on the Faculty Handbook that were created at the January meeting have been formed
   c. Senate website to be revamped
   d. Senate Constitution and Bylaws to be updated
   e. Senators were reminded about how Robert’s Rules of Order may be used to end debate on a motion.

B. WCSU Presidential Search Update – Ron Pugliese, Dr. George Kain, Co-Chairs,
   University Advisory Committee (UAC)
   a. First meeting Feb 4
      i. Discussed advertising position
      ii. Elected co-chairs
   b. Search officially launched Feb 9 – open until March 19
   c. 6-8 finalists will be selected April 6
   d. Neutral site interviews April 20
   e. 3 finalists: Campus visits April 27-29
   f. UAC recommends candidate May 5
   g. Regents recommend candidate to full board May 21
C. WCSU Representative to the BOR FAC – Dr. Patty O’Neill  
   a. The FAC passed three resolutions that request copies of work product, documents, and deliverables provided by BCG during the period of time from April 2014 to October 2014.

D. Strategic Planning Update – Dr. Ann Atkinson  
   a. Check strategic planning update section of the WCSU website to see final reports from subcommittees which will be online within the next month.

E. Proposed Merger of the English and Writing Departments – Dr. Patrick Ryan  
   a. In September, Provost Gates and Dean Alexander submitted to President Schmotter a proposal to merge the Departments of English and Writing into one Department of English and Writing. According to the proposal, programs will continue: B.A. in English, B.A. in Professional Writing, M.A. in English, MFA in Creative and Professional Writing, et al.
   b. The six members of the Writing Department have voted against the merger and remain in strong, unanimous opposition to the proposed merger. Seven of nine English faculty members voted for the merger, so 8 of the affected faculty members voted against the merger, 7 in favor. If the merger should take place, a majority of faculty members in the newly formed Department of English and Writing will have voted against it.
      i. Rumor 1: The merger has already been enacted by executive order. No, the merger is still under discussion.
      ii. Rumor 2: The Writing Faculty oppose the merger because some of us are too bilious to get along with others.
      iii. Rumor 3: Only by merging the departments can WCSU offer an ESL Program.
      iv. Rumor 4: The merger would save significant amounts of money.
   c. Faculty should consider that the proposal to merge English and Writing is part of a continuing system-wide effort to downsize faculty at the Connecticut State Universities.

F. Closing of the Danbury Room – Dr. Paul Simon  
   a. The food services at the Danbury Room will be terminated as of February 27, 2015. The room will remain open if individuals would like to bring their own coffee, lunch, etc.

III. Unfinished Business

A. Transform CSCU 2020 Values and Assumptions – Dr. Patty O’Neill  
   b. Approved unanimously (Schlicht)
B. Transform CSCU 2020 Initiatives Categorization – Dr. Patty O’Neill
   a. RESOLVED THAT THE WCSU UNIVERSITY SENATE ENDORSE THE CSU FACULTY LEADERSHIP GROUP’S CATEGORIZATION OF TRANSFORM 2020 INITIATIVES
   b. Approved unanimously (Schlicht)

C. Draft Mission Statement – Dr. Joan Palladino
   a. SGA comments
      i. No links should be included – will send other comments to committee
      i. If links are included, must have strong commitment to maintaining website
   c. Sen. Ivanov comments
      i. Asking to maintain current mission and add links – written comments submitted
   d. Sen. Moser comments
      i. If links included, they will require Senate vote whenever they are changed
   e. Sen. Martin comments
      i. We have to inform the reader about the greater purpose
   f. Motion to postpone until the March 11 meeting:
      i. Motion approved (Schlicht)

IV. New Business

A. Future of the Danbury Room – Dr. Jeff Schlicht
   a. Resolved that the University Senate opposes the cessation of all food service in the Midtown Campus faculty and staff dining room DBA the Danbury Room. The Senate asks the administration to renegotiate with the food service provider so that some form of breakfast and lunch service can be provided in the Danbury Room.

      Motion failed to pass.

V. Adjournment 4:56 p.m.

SENATE RESOLUTIONS – February 18, 2015

RESOLUTION R-15-02-01:

TRANSFORM CSCU 2020 VALUES AND ASSUMPTIONS

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED
UNIVERSITY SENATE

RESOLUTION R-15-02-02:

TRANSFORM CSCU VALUES INITIATIVES CATEGORIZATION

RESOLVED THAT THE WCSU UNIVERSITY SENATE ENDORSE THE CSU FACULTY LEADERSHIP GROUP’S CATEGORIZATION OF TRANSFORM CSCU 2020 INITIATIVES UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED