Meeting convened at 3:33 p.m.

**Minutes**

**I. Minutes**

A. February 18, 2015
   a. Approved as written

**II. Announcements**

A. Senate President’s Report
   a. Department’s should elect senators this Spring before May meeting
   b. All committees should submit reports for May meeting
   c. PINS/advisement to be discussed in April

B. Update on the General Education Competencies – Jamie Begian
   a. Competency document emailed to community today
   b. Next step is to create rubrics – will reach out to experts in the fields to contribute
      i. Look for invitation to join Blackboard forum
   c. Fall ’16 implementation target date

C. Cost of Graduation at Webster Arena – Helen Bechard
   a. Savings of approximately $9k vs. holding it again at WCSU Westside
III. Unfinished Business

A. Draft Mission Statement – Dr. Joan Palladino
   a. RESOLVED THAT THE WCSU UNIVERSITY SENATE ENDORSE THE UNIVERSITY MISSION STATEMENT DATED FEBRUARY 20, 2015
   b. Approved

IV. New Business

A. 2015-2016 Meeting Schedule – Dr. Dan Barrett
   a. RESOLVED THAT THE UNIVERSITY SENATE SHALL MEET AT 3:30 PM ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS DURING THE 2015-2016 ACADEMIC YEAR:

   September 16, 2015   Midtown
   October 21, 2015     Westside
   November 18, 2015    Midtown
   December 9, 2015     Westside
   January 20, 2016     Midtown
   February 17, 2016    Westside
   March 16, 2016       Midtown
   April 20, 2016       Westside
   May 11, 2016         Midtown

   Motion to approve (Schlicht): Approved

B. FAC Resolution on Opacity – Dr. Patricia O’Neill
   a. RESOLVED THAT THE WCSU UNIVERSITY SENATE ENDORSE THE FAC RESOLUTION ON OPACITY.
   b. (Schlicht) Approved.

C. Weather Cancellation Policy – Dr. Stavros Christofi
   a. Resolved that the University Administration, in conjunction with the University Senate, investigates the feasibility of aligning any weather-related delayed openings and/or early closing with the actual (predominant) course schedule and report back to the Senate. (Schlicht)
   b. Motion to amend resolution (Schlicht)
   c. RESOLVED THAT THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COURSE SCHEDULING INVESTIGATE THE FEASIBILITY OF ALIGNING ANY WEATHER-RELATED DELAYED OPENINGS AND/OR EARLY CLOSING WITH THE ACTUAL (PREDOMINANT) COURSE SCHEDULE AND REPORT BACK TO THE SENATE.
      i. Approved
   d. Motion to amend resolution (Stevens)
Senate

i. Resolved that the University Administration in conjunction with the ad hoc committee on course scheduling investigates the start of classes in progress when there are any weather-related delayed opening. Not approved.

D. Draft Values Statement – Dr. Joan Palladino
   a. Resolved that the University Senate endorse the new University Values Statement. (Schlicht)
      i. Take back to departments. Will vote on this next meeting.

E. University Ombudsman – Revised Description – Dr. Dan Barrett
   a. Resolved that the University Senate endorse the revised description of the Ombudsman. (Schlicht)
      i. Take back to departments. Will vote on this next meeting.

V. Adjournment: 4:36

Senate Resolutions – March 11, 2015

Resolution R-15-03-01:

Resolved that the WCSU University Senate endorse the University Mission Statement dated February 20, 2015:

University Mission

Western Connecticut State University changes lives by providing all students with a high quality education that fosters their growth as individuals, scholars, professionals, and leaders in a global society.

To achieve this, we

1. Offer undergraduate and graduate programs that weave together liberal arts and professional education and instill a desire for life-long learning.
2. Sustain a vibrant, inclusive campus that connects individuals through co-curricular programs, cultural events, and service to the community.
3. Attract student-centered faculty who are passionate teachers and accomplished scholars.
4. Establish partnerships that create opportunities for internships, research, and experiential learning.

Approved
RESOLUTION R-15-03-02:

RESOLVED THAT THE UNIVERSITY SENATE SHALL MEET AT 3:30 PM ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS DURING THE 2015-2016 ACADEMIC YEAR:

- SEPTEMBER 16, 2015  MIDTOWN
- OCTOBER 21, 2015  WESTSIDE
- NOVEMBER 18, 2015  MIDTOWN
- DECEMBER 9, 2015  WESTSIDE
- JANUARY 20, 2016  MIDTOWN
- FEBRUARY 17, 2016  WESTSIDE
- MARCH 16, 2016  MIDTOWN
- APRIL 20, 2016  WESTSIDE
- MAY 11, 2016  MIDTOWN

APPROVED

RESOLUTION R-15-03-03:

RESOLVED THAT THE WCSU UNIVERSITY SENATE ENDORSE THE FAC RESOLUTION ON OPACITY.

APPROVED

RESOLUTION R-15-03-04:

RESOLVED THAT THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COURSE SCHEDULING INVESTIGATE THE FEASIBILITY OF Aligning ANY WEATHER-RELATED DELAYED OPENINGS AND/OR EARLY CLOSING WITH THE ACTUAL (PREDOMINANT) COURSE SCHEDULE AND REPORT BACK TO THE SENATE.

APPROVED