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SENATE

September 16, 2009
SC 201, Midtown Campus

Meeting convened at 3:40 p.m.

Members present (alphabetical): Ellen Abate, Dan Barrett, Jamie Begian, Glory Blanceagle, Esther Boriss, Edmund Breitling, Eugene Buccini, Lynne Clark, Emilio Collar, Jr., Sara DeLoughy, Ellen Durnin, Sharon Guck, Ed Hagan, Nancy Heilbronner, Kit Hinga, Damla Isik, Karen Koza, Sam Lightwood, Kevin Gutzman for Leslie Lindenauer, Susan Maskel, Pam McDaniel, Jim Munz, Margaret Murray, Jennifer O'Brien, Zuohong Pan, Jeffrey Schlicht, Paula Secondo, S. Alba Skar, David Skora, D. L. Stephenson

Guests present: Jim Schmotter, Linda Rinker, Linda Vaden-Goad, Carol Hawkes, Phyllis Cortese, Frank Herbert, Allen Morton, Carolyn Lanier, Chuck Spiridon, Shane Murphy

I. MINUTES

- A. April 2009 (Schlicht/Stephenson) 18-0-3
- B. May 2009 (Schlicht/Stephenson) 17-0-4

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. President Schmotter welcome
 - No budget surprised in recently passed Connecticut State budget
 - Many administrative/clerical support position vacancies: have patience with requests to the areas of the University affected by those absences
 - Undergraduate enrollment up 5% - hit target
- B. Nominations and Elections committee request that Senate committee chair forward notice of vacancies so they can begin creating the ballot. Send information to Jennifer O'Brien or Sam Lightwood
- C. All Senate committees are reminded that if their by-laws mandate it (and most do), then you should be sending copies of your meeting minutes to the Senate Archivist. Send completed minutes to Jennifer O'Brien or Sam Lightwood
- D. Furlough day information will be posted on the WCSU website shortly. Affected University members will receive reminders about upcoming furlough days 1-2 weeks before effective date. Faculty will receive a specific update regarding their furlough days within 1-2 weeks of today.
- E. Official Senate contact will include two emails, one containing PDFs of upcoming meeting materials (this will be available at the Senate website if lost), one reminding members of meeting time/date/place
- F. Senate President Lightwood officially thanked Linda D'Aurio for her continued service to the Senate as meeting recorder.
- G. Senator Breitling (Student Senate representative) announced the "Superfan" program, a project that has come out of the Hancock Leadership Program. He asks faculty to familiarize

themselves with it, and encourage them and their students to attend WCSU sporting events. He also asked all Senate committee chairs to send him notice of when/where their committees met so he could seat student senators on committees (where appropriate).

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Academic Leave Bylaw Change - Postponed

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Motion (R-09-09-03) to receive IRB report (Munz/Barrett)
- Several changes to IRB procedures have been made in recent years
 - All forms are available at IRB website, which can be accessed through a hotlink at the WCSU homepage
 - i. Many thanks to IRB secretary for her critical support in this effort
- B. Phyliss Cortesse, head of the Ives Concert Park, came before the Senate to provide details about an upcoming Renaissance Festival that is proposing to come to the Park. Of primary concern was whether horses appearing in the jousting act would violate a standing policy that forbids circus-related animal acts from appearing on campus.
- The following motion (R-09-09-04, Maskel/Schlicht) was made after Ms. Cortesse's presentation: The University Senate does not feel that a Renaissance Festival is a circus and therefore is of the opinion that the Animal Rights Resolution supported by this Senate (in March 2000) is not applicable. The Senate supports the Ives Center's wish to bring a reputable Renaissance Festival to the University grounds.
 - Motion passed 17-0-7

Meeting Adjourned 4:20 p.m. (Munz/Schlicht; unanimous)

WCSU SENATE MAY 2009 RESOLUTIONS

R-09-09-01. THE SENATE SHALL APPROVE THE APRIL 2009 MINUTES. Passed (18-0-3)

R-09-09-02. THE SENATE SHALL APPROVE THE MAY 2009 MINUTES. Passed (17-0-4)

R-09-09-03. THE SENATE SHALL RECEIVE THE IRB ANNUAL REPORT. Passed

R-09-09-04. THE UNIVERSITY SENATE DOES NOT FEEL THAT A RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL IS A CIRCUS AND THEREFORE IS OF THE OPINION THAT THE ANIMAL RIGHTS RESOLUTION SUPPORTED BY THIS SENATE (IN MARCH 2000) IS NOT APPLICABLE. THE SENATE SUPPORTS THE IVES CENTER'S WISH TO BRING A REPUTABLE RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL TO THE UNIVERSITY GROUNDS.

Passed (17-0-7)