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SENATE

September 21, 2011
SC Room 201, Midtown Campus

Meeting convened at 3:30 p.m.

Members present (alphabetical): Augenbraun, Boriss, Buccini, Collar, Eisenson, Hagen, Heilbronner, Huang, Ivanov, Koza, Levy, Lindenauer, Lupinacci, Manes, Maskel, Morton, Moser, O'Brien, O'Grady, O'Neill, Rossi, Rybczyk, Secondo, Skar, Skora, Stephens, Stephenson, Stevens, Tonner, Veneziano

Guests present: Gates, Hirshfield, Lanier, Reis, Schmotter, Spiridon, Zink

I. Minutes

- A. Motion to accept the May 2011 Minutes (Meeting 1) as modified:
(Hayes/Stephenson; Passed 21/0/4)

Modified:

Modify the motion that reads "We resolve to move the regular Senate meeting to the second week of each month" to read "We resolve to move the regular Senate meeting to the second week of each month during the months of December, 2011, March, 2012, and May, 2012."

Add Moser as having moved the resolution.

Meeting 2:

Motion to accept the May 2011 Minutes (Second Minutes) as modified:
(Secondo/Borriss; Passed 21/0/6)

Modified:

Add Senator Lindenhauer to list of attendees.

Add Senator Fenwick sitting in for Senator DeLoughy.

Add Senator Hinga sitting in for Senator Veneziano.

HPX criteria discussion should be Senator Schlicht rather than Stevens.

II. Announcements

- A. Dr. Jim Schmotter, President - Addressed the Senate regarding the current status of the budgetary process at WCSU. Some tenure track lines have been released, and hiring will commence.
- B. Dr. Jane Gates, Provost – Dr. Gates discussed the need for general education assessment, the effort to evaluate guidelines for online courses, the importance of faculty development, and the need to prioritize in a time of limited budgets.
- C. Paul Reis, Vice President of Finance and Administration – Provided an update on budgetary issues, specifically discussing the changes in the budget from May to September, 2011. Also discussed the plan for parking on the Westside Campus during the time of the VPA construction.
- D. Abbey Zink, Interim Dean of the School of Arts & Sciences – Provided information on the recent decision by the History Department to temporarily house the Philosophy Department.
- E. Faculty Development & Recognition Committee is in need of a representative from the School of Arts & Sciences. If interested, please contact the chair of this committee, Dr Russell Hirshfield.
- F. Reminder to all Senators, that Senate voted in the May 2011 meeting to move our December 2011, March 2012 and May 2012 meetings to the 2nd Wednesday of the month. This should take care of conflict dates for Senate academic year 2011-2012. Due to room conflicts, all Senate meetings held on the Westside Campus will be held in the Westside Classroom Building, Room 218. If any Senator is interested in forming a committee to explore dates for future Senate meetings, he or she should contact President Koza.
- G. Other – President Koza announced that the 2011-2012 Applications for Trustees' Awards are available online.

III. Unfinished Business

- A. UPBC Annual Report, 2010-2011 – the revised report with membership included were received.

IV. New Business

- A. Reports – the following annual reports were received from each standing committee.
 - 1. Faculty Development and Recognition Annual Report, 2010-2011 – Dr. Russell Hirshfield entertained questions and discussion regarding the report.

2. Institute for Holistic Health Studies Annual Report, 2010-2011
3. Western International Center Annual Report, 2010-2011 – Dr. Robert Whittemore entertained questions and discussion regarding the report.
4. CELT Annual Report, 2010-2011

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.