

# SENATE

May 18, 2011 – Meeting of 2011-2012 Senate  
SC Room 201, Midtown Campus

Meeting convened at 3:33 P.M.

**Members present (alphabetical):** Senators Blanceagle, Boriss, Collar, Fenwick, Hagan, Hawkes, Hayes, Heilbronner, Huang, Isik, Koza, Levy, Lindenauer, Lupinacci, O’Grady, Moser, O’Brien, O’Neill, Philbrick, Popiel, Secondo, Skar, Stephens, Stephenson, Veneziano

**Guests present:** Capobianco, Cruz, Freyer, Kain, Lanier, Reis, Spiridon, Steinmetz, Stewart, Zink

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**I. Election of Officers**

- A. President – Nomination for Senator Koza (Heilbronner; Passed Unanimously)
- B. Vice President – Nomination for Senator D. L. Stephenson (Popiel; Passed Unanimously)
- C. Secretary – Nomination for Senator Heilbronner (Stephenson; Passed Unanimously)
- D. Archivist – Nomination for Senator O’Brien – (Stephens; Passed Unanimously)

**II. New Business**

- A. Senate Meeting Date Conflicts - Senator Koza discussed date conflicts with Senate meetings in December, March and May – meetings  
Motion:  
We resolve to move the regular Senate meeting to the second week of each month (XX/XX; Passed 25/0/0).

**III. Adjournment**

Adjournment occurred at 3:44 p.m.

# SENATE

May 18, 2011 – Meeting of 2010-2011  
SC Room 201, Midtown Campus

Meeting convened at 3:45 P.M.

**Members present (alphabetical):** Begian, Blanceagle, Boriss, Collar, Crouse, DeLoughy, Fenwick, Hagan, Hawkes, Hayes, Heilbronner, Huang (for DeLoughy), Isik, Koza, Levy, Dr. Maskel (Parliamentarian), Morton, Moser, Munz, O'Brien, O'Neill (for Barrett), Philbrick, Popiel, Schlicht (for Stevens), Secondo, Skar, Stephenson, Veneziano (for Hinga)

**Guests present:** Capobianco, Cruz, Freyer, Kain, Reis, Spiridon, Steinmetz, Stewart, Zink

## I. Minutes

- A. Motion to accept the April, 2011 Minutes (Begian/Munz; Passed 20/0/3)

## II. Announcements

- A. Update on the Budgetary Issues –Dr Paul Reis, VP of Finance and Administration updated the senators on the budget process. The budgetary process is moving forward. Recommendations were made to the Board of Trustees. A finalized budget will be developed in the coming weeks.
- B. Update and Feedback on the Use of Electronic Ballots this Spring – Lorraine Capobianco, CIO, provided an update on the completed process and feedback that was provided. Almost fifty percent of eligible voters participated both in the main election and in the runoff.
- C. Update on Media Messages – Paul Steinmetz, Director of University Relations, provided an update on concerns regarding possible media misrepresentations.
- D. Other  
AAUP Meeting - AAUP will hold next meeting on Tuesday, May 24, from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. A reminder email will be sent to inform senators on location.

Parking – Dr. George Kain provided an update on the Parking Committee's concern that once ground is broken on the new VPA building, there will be no faculty parking lot. In addition, half the student parking lot will be lost. Dr. Reis reported that the matter is under discussion and that the parking will be relocated.

Stand Against Domestic Violence – Senators Popiel and Blanceagle provided an update on the exhibit, which is ongoing through Friday.

P&T - President Koza announced that VPA will not have representation on P&T committee this coming year and requested Senate's input on the matter.

### **III. Unfinished Business**

A. Motion on Concerns Regarding Class Size, moved April, 2011:

#### **Whereas increasing class sizes:**

1. is contrary to the WCSU strategic plan
2. and is contrary to the mission of WCSU
3. and can negatively affect student success
4. and can negatively affect student retention
5. and can negatively affect student perception of effectiveness of instructors,

We, the faculty at Western Connecticut State University, are opposed to increasing class size over and above Spring 2011 numbers.

However, we recognize the financial problems the State of Connecticut and our University are dealing with, and, in the interest of cooperation and in an attempt to help solve the current financial dilemma of the University, we are willing to increase the size of some classes, as a temporary measure, for the 2011-2012 academic year.

Motion Passed (Schlicht/Hagen; 18/1/6)

HPX Criteria for P&T Feedback - Senator Stevens discussed his request for Senate review of HPX criteria for P&T feedback.

### **IV. New Business**

- A. Annual Reports - President Koza received Annual Reports from Standing and Ad Hoc Committees.
- B. Other  
Senator Maskel thanked the Executive Committee.  
Senator Frasier announced funding for student/faculty research.  
President Koza thanked Dr. Maskel for her service as Parliamentarian.

### **V. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

### **Resolution Passed in the May Meeting**

**R-11-05-01. RESOLUTION CONCERNING CLASS SIZE**