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SENATE

September 17, 2008
SC 201, Midtown Campus

Meeting convened at 3:36 p.m.

Members present (alphabetical):

Pete Algarin (for Mark Borque), Dan Barrett, Jamie Begin, Glory Blanceagle, Gene Buccini, Emilio Collar, Sally DeLongley, Terrence Dwyer, Abe Echevarria, Carol Hawkes, Kathleen Hinga, Karen Koza, Sam Lightwood, Leslie Lindenauer, Susan Maskel, Keith Moore, Alan Morton, Don Moser, Margaret Murray, Jennifer O'Brien, Jeff Schlicht, Jim Scrimgeour, S. Alba Skar, DL Stephenson, Rebecca Woodward,

Guests present: (by department/division):

None signed in

I. MINUTES

Minutes from April and May 2008 will be distributed for the next meeting.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Dr. Schmotter reported on the impact of regional and national economic concerns on WCSU
- Faculty are continuing to be hired
 - There are several openings in administration and other non-health and safety related positions; be understanding if this understaffing impacts services at WCSU
 - Further budget cuts from the state (up to \$800,000) are possible this year
- B. Senate Minutes – paper or electronic?
- All materials are available as downloads from the Senate website
 - Senator Maskel will provide paper copies to any Senators who request them
 - Senator Maskel will make a list of the reasons why going electronic would be beneficial, which will be distributed at the next meeting for further discussion
- C. Other
- Senator Schlicht announced meeting minutes will no longer include a partial transcript of the conversation
 - Senator Schlicht suggested the Senate consider replacing the current cassette-style recorder with a digital recorder, which would facilitate saving the Senate conversation as an electronic file

III. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Distance Education By-Laws Changes

Motion passes (19 for, 0 opposed, 3 abstentions)

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Enforcement of Smoking Policy

The Senate considered the following motion (Maskel/Moser):

“The Senate requests that the Working Conditions Committee explore (with input from the Administration) and recommend actions that:

1. promote an awareness of this policy, and
2. create an environment that does not encourage violations of the policy, and
3. enforce the policy”

Motion passes (unanimous)

Meeting adjourned (*:*) * unavailable.

SENATE RESOLUTIONS September 17, 2008

R-08-05-08: THE SENATE SHALL ACCEPT THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE DISTANCE EDUCATION COMMITTEE BYLAWS. Passed (19, 0, 3)

R-08-9-1: WITH RESPECT TO THE UNIVERSITY SMOKING POLICY, THE SENATE REQUESTS THAT THE WORKING CONDITIONS COMMITTEE EXPLORE (WITH INPUT FROM THE ADMINISTRATION) AND RECOMMEND ACTIONS THAT:

1. PROMOTE AN AWARENESS OF THIS POLICY, AND
2. CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT THAT DOES NOT ENCOURAGE VIOLATIONS OF THE POLICY, AND
3. ENFORCE THE POLICY (Maskel/Moser, R-08-9-1) Passed Unanimously.