The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:07 pm.

Present:
University Deans – M. Horan (A & S); M.P. Bigley (SEPS); S. Braverman (SOB)
Arts and Sciences – N. Castañeda (Math); F. Latour (Math)(Vice-Chair); K. McGrath (History); R. Schwell (Math)(Chair)
Engineering and Technology – N. Moore (Engineering); K. Hammad (Engineering)
Business – H. Raajpoot (Marketing)
Education and Professional Studies – J. Melnyk (PE and Human Perf.)
Registrar – P. Tucker
Admissions – T. Carberry
S.G.A. – C. Marcelli; J. Lewis
Visitor – M. Fallon (Psychological Sciences)

I. Approval of October 2012 Minutes
-Motion: Braverman (second: Raajpoot) – passed unanimously

II. Approval of February 2013 Minutes
-Correction of “motion to adjourn”
-Motion: Latour (second: Tucker) – passed unanimously

III. New Graduation Honors
-M. Fallon discussed the background for the new category for graduation honors. Transfer students currently lament the residency requirement, which makes it hard for their academic success at CCSU to be recognized. While our requirement is in line with some of the other CSU schools, ECSU does have a special category, Dean’s Recognition, for students with a 3.5 G.P.A. and 30-61 in-house credits. She has spoken with students about their preference for such a category at CCSU.

-N. Moore asked how many students would be impacted. P. Tucker responded that it would be about 85 students.

-M. Fallon noted that it would help with graduation and retention rates. S. Braverman commented that it should be advertised to the community colleges.

-M.P. Bigley asked how it would be noted. On Diploma? Honor Cords? M. Fallon answered that it should be a new category for graduation honors and treated the same during Graduation and Convocation.

-H. Raajpoot asked whether or not it would devalue honors and how it might be perceived by non-transfer students and those outside CCSU. S. Braverman answered that this would have already been done when we decreased the residency requirement for graduation. This new category would simply reflect this change.
-Motion: Create a new Graduation Honors designation called “Dean’s Recognition” for CCSU graduates with GPAs of 3.5 or above who have earned 30-61 in-house credits. This designation will be added to the diploma and transcript and marked by a different color honor cord at graduation. Effective December 2013.
  
  McGrath (second: Melynk) – passed with 1 abstention
  (N. Moore)

IV. Nomination of Officers
- The slate of officers is N. Moore for Secretary, F. Latour for Vice-Chair, and R. Schwell for Chair. The vote will be at the next meeting.

V. Credit Requirements to Walk in Graduation
- C. Marcelli discussed the constant issue for students who do not have enough credits to walk in graduation during the spring but will be graduating in the fall. They do not want to have to wait five months to come back after graduating in December. This is especially an issue for education majors who often only have student-teaching to finish in the fall and are one credit and one semester short.
- H. Raajpoot raised the serious issue that students often get confused that they are finished when they walk if they have not finished the coursework for their degree. This is a real issue, which P. Tucker confirmed.
- There was a discussion of the need for a fall graduation. There was a discussion of drafting a motion from S.G.A. for Faculty Senate to express the desire and need for a resumption of fall graduation.

VI. Course Categorization
- F. Latour discussed the continued work of the subcommittee to address related requirements for a major. There is still confusion over what counts for major courses. Some require a C- while others only need a D-. In general, most of the exceptions are marked in the catalog, like education programs or criminology. Instead of asking to re-categorize into three designations, we are asking to put into two. Every department would select for themselves, as we are not asking for any changes to programs or curriculum. This is just for clarification of current practice.
- F. Latour also raised the issues with related requirements and minors. Classes in the major cannot count for minors, but related requirements can. There are some exceptions, but those are marked clearly in the catalog.
- P. Tucker noted that students need to know the process for exceptions. It is currently up to the department that houses the minor. It is the integrity of the minor program that is at risk with double-counting, so it should make the final decision. It is not creating new exceptions, but rather codifying current practice.
- M.P. Bigley commented that this was the opposite of the original issue in that the presumption was originally C- for related, not D-. P. Tucker said that this
would let departments know that if they wanted the higher grade that they explicitly need to list it.

-M.P. Bigley asked if departments could clarify without coming through Academic Standards. P. Tucker responded that they could because they are not changing their programs, only clarifying.

-F. Latour suggested that it go back to the sub-committee for further feedback and refinement. He noted that the process would be much simpler and more likely to be implemented.

-M.P. Bigley noted the need for the categories to also address issues for general education, especially for programs that specify which general education courses students must take for their major.

-Motion: Sub-committee will review proposal to include feedback and report back.

   Latour (second: Horan) – passed unanimously

VII. Discussion of Credit for Coursera courses (MOOCs)

   -This discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 4:20 – R. Schwell, (N. Moore second). Passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

K. McGrath
Secretary