January 16, 2018

Dear Committee Members,

On behalf of Provost Gates, we are writing to request that you SAVE THE DATE for your participation in the next phase of the community college consolidation planning and implementation.

We are scheduling the first meeting for Friday, February 2, 2018, 10-12, in the BOR Board Room, first floor of 61 Woodland Street, Hartford, CT.

Under the leadership of President Michael Rokee, the college presidents and a subcommittee of presidents and deans responsible for academics, administration and student affairs convened to consider options for the consolidation called for by the Board of Regents. A model of the Connecticut Community College management structure was presented to the Board of Regents on October 19, 2017.

The next phase of Students First requires the development of a plan in detail of how we expect to bring into alignment twelve campuses into a single accredited community college with clear, consistent practices, policies and procedures that provide a seamless transition for students while maintaining the uniqueness, identity and community connections of each campus. An initial action for the committee is to develop the mission statement for the one community college.

The charge:
The Students First: Academic and Student Affairs Consolidation Committee is charged with the responsibility to work out the details associated with the one community college consolidation related to academic and student affairs on the twelve community colleges. Specifically, the committee will provide guidance on the alignment of academic programs (shared and differentiated), assessment, policies, procedures, institutional data, websites, catalogs and other relevant issues to campus constituents.

The invited committee members include:
Pat Bouffard (NWCC), Co-Chair
Michael Stefanowicz (ACC), Co-Chair
Del Cummings, FAC (NVCC)
Robert Brown, FAC (TxCC)
Judy Wallace, FAC (MXCC)
Lynn Roller, FAC (GCC)
T.J. Barber, FAC (MCC)
Hector Navarro (SAC)
Holly Palmer (SAC)
Greg DeSantis (SO)
Ken Klucznik (SO-TAP)
Candace Barrington (SO-TAP)
Doris Arrington, Dean of Student Affairs (CCC)
Duncan Harris, Dean of Student Affairs (MCC)
Frederick Douglass Knowles (TRCC)
Teresa Foley (ACC)
Alfred Williams, Dean of Academic and Student Affairs (QVCC)
Sheila Solernou (GCC)
Nancy Melnicsak (SO)
Kristina Testa-Buzzee (NCC)
Shirley Adams (COSC)
Robin Avant (HCC)
Alesse Mulvihill (HCC)
James Patterson (NCCC)
Forrest Helvie (NCC)
Susan M. Barzottini (MCC)
James Gentile (MCC, CCET)
Sharon Gusky (NCCC, C3BIOS)
Karen Wosczyna-Birch, (COT)
Ron Picard (NVCC, Assessment Council)
Guided Pathway Task Force members (5)
  • Gayle Barrett (MXCC)
  • Michael Buccilli (GCC)
  • Lindsey Norton (HCC)
  • Francine Rosselli-Navarra (MCC)
  • Heidi Zenie (TRCC)
Continuing Education/Workforce Development (2)
  • Vicki Bozzuto, Dean of Workforce Development and Continuing Education (GCC)
  • Eileen Pelletier, Dean of Workforce Development and Continuing Education (ACC & TxCC)
Enrollment Management Implementation (2)
  • Steven McDowell (SO-Enrollment)
  • Gennaro DeAngelis (ACC- Enrollment Management)

The next phase of Students First will involve broader participation from the twelve community colleges. Thank you in advance for your hard work, support and leadership.

Sincerely,

Pat Bouffard and Michael Stefanowicz
Students First Academic and Student Affairs Consolidation Committee Co-Chairs

C: Mark Ojakian, President
Community College Presidents

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