

Regular Meeting of the State of CT
Faculty Advisory Committee to the Board of Regents for Higher Education
Minutes
October 16, 2020
WebEx

Present:

Aime, Lois, Admin Fac, At-Large Rep, NCC
Blitz, David, Fac, Chair, CCSU
Breault, Benjamin, Admin Fac, Alternate, At-Large Rep, MCC
Coan, Francis, Fac non-voting, TXCC
Creech, Paul, Fac non-voting, CCC
Emanuel, Michael, non-voting, NWCCC
Farquharson, Patrice, Fac, COSC
Garcia-Bowen, Myrna, Admin Fac, SUOAF, CSU
Kaufman, O. Brian, non-voting, QVCC

Long, Jennifer, Fac, Alternate, TRCC
Mendoza-Botelho, Martin, ECSU
Picard, Ron, Fac, Alternate, NVCC
Rajczewski, MaryBeth, Fac, ACC
Richards, Barbara, Fac, HCC
Ruggiero, Christine, Fac, Alternate, MXCC
Sesanker, Colena, Fac, GWCC
Shea, Michael, Fac, SCSU
Stoloff, David, Fac, Alternate, ECSU
Wilder, Linda, Admin Fac, COSC

Absent:

Brewer, Adam, Fac, non-voting, WCSU
Gustafson, Robin, Fac, Alternate, non-voting, WCSU

Wilson, Marvin, Admin Fac, Alternate, SUOAF, CSU

Guests:

Adair, Stephen, CCSU
Faraclas, William, SCSU

Heleen, Pamela, Associate Director Board Affairs
Marcelynas, Stephen, System Office

[Voting Members: Aime, Lois, At-Large NCC; Blitz, David, CCSU; Farquharson, Patrice, COSC; Garcia-Bowen, Myrna, SUOAF CSU; Mendoza-Botelho, Martin, ECSU; Raczewski, MaryBeth, ACC; Richards, Barbara, HCC; Sesanker, Colena, GCC; Shea, Mike, SCSU; Wilder, Linda, COSC]

Meeting called to order by Chair, David Blitz, at 1:04 pm. Meeting is being recorded as required.

- 09/18/2020 Meeting Minutes – Motion to approve – Fran Coan; seconded
 - Approved unanimously
- Chair report:
 - BOR meeting 10/15 – resolution and amendment; main resolution was on budget:
 - 10 of 12 community colleges have deficits; System Office has reserve funds and surplus; all 4 universities are in the red mostly due to residence housing reduction; 3 of the 4 universities have significant reserves while WCSU has deficit issues; Again, System Office has reserves of \$22.4M
 - Budget resolution was amended 24 hrs. prior to BOR meeting to add \$8M reduction to CSU budgets for PTLs, graduate assistants, university assistants and OE (other expenses) This was challenged by FAC Chair as needing to first go to the BOR Finance Committee but challenge was ignored – resolution was voted on as amended and approved.
- Co-Chair report:
 - Question to BOR – choice of investment; how is budget for CSCC being defended under current circumstances? Hiring freezes at all colleges and universities that does not apply to CSCC where there are no students; just about everything talked about that would be done in single college can

be done currently. As per Ojakian and the BOR “everything is on the table” except for the SF consolidation process. Our system is being disassembled and there has been no attempt to reassemble a system that would support student learning in any significant manner.

- Preparation of end-of-year (December) FAC report to the BOR
 - Email Colena and/or David with suggestions for end-of-year report. Broad suggestions:
 - Relationship of FAC to BOR – FAC should be making regular reports to BOR as a committee of the BOR
 - Shared Governance
 - Students Frist
 - Section 185 of CT Statutes re FAC/BOR
- FAC Research Committee Charge:
 - Request, identify, glean, analyze, interpret, and disseminate data and information that supports the functions and mission of the Faculty Advisory Committee, make recommendations to the Faculty Advisory Committee who in turn may report these recommendations to the Board of Regents as part of the FAC’s legislature mandated reports.
 - Motion to approve: Fran Coan; seconded – approved unanimously
 - Committee will arrange a meeting: possible research items: breakdown of faculty/staff and student profiles at the community colleges; request Org Charts from SO and CSCC – reporting structure including regional component
- FAC conference 2021
 - Memo from Jane Gates – Academic & Student Affairs SO department will not be able to support FAC conference due budget cuts. We can hold conference online and will require no support from System Office
 - Need to create a committee – Myrna Garcia-Bowen, Colena Sesanker, Stephen Adair volunteered so far
- Health & Safety concerns – Contact Tracing at Norwalk CC being handled by Norwalk Public Health dept. and they do not appear to be doing much contact tracing; NVCC has same procedure.
 - Conversations about working on and off campus in relation to Covid-19
- Updates on TAP and transitional committees
 - Stephen Marcelynas asked if FAC interested yet in participating on these committees. Discussion noted that FAC members were still not interested due lack of shared governance and lack of trust between SO and faculty/staff at colleges and universities.
- Invitation to the Interim President and Interim Provost of CSCC
 - Motion to invite David Levinson and Michael Rooke to December FAC meeting –
 - Yes – 7, No – 1, Abstain – 1
- Meeting schedule for 2021 – 2nd Friday of each month except January will be 1/29, the rest:
 - 2/12, 3/12, 4/09, 5/14, 6/11, 7/09, 8/20, 9/10, 10/15, 11/12, 12/10
- Questions about the use of Proctorio and Zoom – pros and cons of both and why aren’t faculty part of the decision-making process in adopting educational software

Submitted by, Lois Aime

Next meetings:

1:00 pm, November 20, 2020

1:00 pm, December 11, 2020