

**State of Connecticut  
Board of Regents Faculty Advisory Committee  
January 10, 2014  
39 Woodland St.  
Hartford, Conn.**

Present: Stephen Adair, Member, CCSU; T.J. Barber, Member, MCC; Bob Brown, Member TxCC; Ilene Crawford, Member, SCSU; Chair Emeritus Tom Failla, NCC; Marcia Garcia-Bowen, Alternate (Barrett), SCSU (SUOAF); Kris Larsen, Alternate (Hoyser), COSC; William Lugo, Alternate, ECSU; Steven Moore, Member, MCC; Patty O'Neill, Member, WCSU; Erin Pagano, Member, QVCC; Barbara Richards, Alternate, HCC; Kim Shea, Alternate, GWCC, Member, CCC.

1. Call to Order. Meeting was convened at 2:05 PM.
2. Call for nominations for the office of chair. Stephen Adair was nominated for chair. Brief biographical statement, distributed to members prior to the meeting, is below:

Stephen Adair is a Professor of Sociology at CCSU. He received a BA in English from the University of Vermont in 1983, and a PhD from Northeastern University in 1993. He began teaching at CCSU in 1997 after four years in a full-time temporary position at the University of New Hampshire. He served as Department Chair of Sociology from 2007 to 2013 and as Assistant to the Dean of Arts and Sciences from 2003 to 2007 (a half-time administrative/half-time teaching position), in which he represented the Dean's Office in matters related to new programs, curriculum changes, assessment, formal accreditation, and interdisciplinary programs. He has served on numerous faculty committees including Promotion and Tenure, Curriculum, General Education (Chair), Sabbatical Leave, Assessment, and is currently a member of the CSU-AAUP Council. He was Chair of the Faculty Advisory Committee to the Board of Regents in 2012 and Vice-Chair in 2013. He won CCSU's excellence in teaching award in 2002 and has published numerous articles on social inequality and social theory. The priority for the second term of the FAC remains unchanged: Insure effective faculty participation and engagement in matters of shared governance for public higher education in Connecticut.

3. Call for vote for Chair. Stephen Adair was elected chair unanimously.
4. Tom Failla turned meeting over to Chair Stephen Adair.
5. Call for nominations for the office of vice-chair. T.J. Barber nominated himself for Vice-Chair (seconded by Steven Moore). Bob Brown nominated himself for Vice-Chair (seconded by Erin Pagano). Brief biographical statements distributed to members prior to the meeting, are below:

T.J. Barber

As the Director of Student Activities at Manchester Community College (MCC) I am immersed in governance (both on campus and system-wide) on a daily basis. I earned my BA in Political Science from the University of Texas at Arlington in 1999 and an MS in Educational Leadership from CCSU in 2001. I would be honored to serve as the Vice-Chair of the Faculty Advisory

Committee and to work with the Chair to insure the voices of the faculty and staff at all 17 institutions in our system are heard. I have served on numerous governance committees on campus, including (but not limited to): Curriculum, Academic Senate Executive Committee, Student Life, Cultural Programs Committee (current Chair) and the College Senate (current Chair). I have also served as the Chair of the ConnSCU Student Activities Directors Council (2011-2013), participated as an advisor to the SAC during its initial year, and served as a member on the CCC System Information Technology Network Infrastructure committee. Thank-you for your consideration.

Bob Brown TxCC

I graduated with distinction from the University of Virginia with a double major in History and English, and I received the M.A. in History from the University of Connecticut. I have served at Tunxis Community College for 15 years in a variety of positions in marketing and public information; academic administration; and, for the past 11 years, as a full-time faculty member. I am today professor of History & English at Tunxis. It is a job I love. Prior to my work at Tunxis, I was a Connecticut journalist. I was a reporter, columnist, editorial and/or desk editor at The Hartford Courant, the Journal Inquirer (Manchester), and The Chronicle (Willimantic). I was also editor, responsible for all newsroom operations, of The Bristol Press in the early and mid-1990s.

At Tunxis, I've done the following in addition to my most important responsibility as a teacher. Academic planning and administration.

- Chairperson of Tunxis' successful NEASC re-accreditation efforts in 2001 and 2011. Editor of the college's five-year NEASC update in 2006;
- Member of the Tunxis Institutional Effectiveness Committee for the past seven years. Worked on the subcommittee that developed draft of the college's current strategic plan;
- Active participant in the system Transfer Articulation Policy initiative; chairperson of the subcommittee on Historical Knowledge & Understanding;
- Chairperson, program self-study for Tunxis Liberal Arts & Sciences program; Chairperson, discipline self-study for History & Related Disciplines at Tunxis;
- Chairperson, external-review team for the History and Political Science disciplines at Naugatuck Valley Community College;
- Current chairperson of Tunxis' ability-based education committee on Historical & Social Awareness;
- Current chairperson of the Tunxis Professional Staff Organization (the College's primary governance organization);
- Co-advisor to student newspaper, The Tunxis SUN;
- Author, Tunxis Community College Manual for Academic Advising.

#### Presentations

- Board of Regents 2012 assessment conference. Along with three Tunxis colleagues, conducted a presentation on Tunxis' ability-based education initiative;
- Annual Assessment Conference, American Association of Colleges and Universities, March 2013. Along with my Tunxis colleague, Steve Ersinghaus, and Polly Beals, director of the Liberal Education Program at Southern Connecticut

State University, presented on “Core Competencies and Transfer from Associate to Baccalaureate Degrees: Using Evidence to Advance Excellence.”

6. Call for vote for Vice-Chair. Bob Brown was elected Vice-Chair by secret ballot (5-4).
7. Call for nominations for office of secretary. Patty O’Neill was nominated. A brief biographical statement, distributed to members prior to the meeting, is below:

I graduated from SUNY-Binghamton with a BS in Biology, and University of California-Riverside, with a PhD in Psychology. After a post-doc position at Harvard, I taught at The University of Mississippi before moving to Connecticut. I am now in my twelfth year at Western, and, except for that brief stint at Harvard, have attended or taught at public institutions my entire adult life. At Western, I have served as First Year Experience Coordinator, Director of the Tutoring Resource Center, chair of the A & S curricular committee, member of the University Budget committee, member of the Senate, member of the General Education Committee, and WCSU-AAUP Chapter Grievance Officer, and, Chapter President (current position). I have been the Secretary for the FAC since September 2012. In this time of continuing change in higher education in Connecticut, I am passionate about protecting and strengthening faculty participation and shared governance, both at the campus level, and system level.

8. Call for vote for Secretary. Patty O’Neill was elected secretary by acclamation.
9. Review of minutes from December 20, 2013 meeting.

Motion to accept (Crawford/Barber), approved unanimously.

10. Agenda items for January 17, 2014 meeting.

Agenda items for January 17, 2014 include, but are not limited to, FAC representatives to the TAP Coordinating Council, to the PA 1240 Committee, FAC members attending various BOR subcommittees, invitation to Dr. Gray to attend the FAC meeting, invitation to Kyle Thomas to attend and discuss BOR proposals to the Legislature.