

January 11, 2013
Minutes

Connecticut State Colleges and Universities Board of Regents (BOR) Faculty Advisory Committee (FAC)

Meeting convened First Floor Boardroom, Board of Regents, 39 Woodland St., Hartford, Conn.

Present: Chair Stephen Adair, Member, CCSU; Peter Bachiochi, Member, ECSU; Ilene Crawford, Member, SCSU; Vice Chair Tom Failla, Member, NCC; Catherine Hoyser, Member, Charter Oak; Patty O'Neill, Alternate, WCSU; Mary Jean Thornton, Member, CCC.

Guest: Braden Hosch, Director of Policy & Research and Interim Director of Academic Affairs, CONNSCU.

1. Meeting was called to order at 2:06 PM
2. Minutes from 11/16/12 meeting approved unanimously (Bachiochi/Crawford). Minutes from 12/14/12 meeting approved unanimously (Hoyser/Bachiochi)
3. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair. Prior to the election of a Chair and Vice-Chair for the January – December 2013 term, the FAC discussed compensation for the Chair position, and compensation for members of the FAC. Compensation for the Chair position continues to be negotiated on an ad hoc basis. This is an undesirable state, given the immense amount of work demanded by this position and the important role that the FAC has filled in shaping the newly reorganized ConnSCU. FAC members from the community colleges are able to receive credit for work on the FAC. FAC members from the CSU institutions receive no credit or compensation of any kind for this work.

By statute, the Chair and Vice-Chair of the FAC must alternate yearly between CSU and CC members.

Tom Failla was unanimously elected Chair for the January – December 2013 term (Crawford/Thornton).

Stephen Adair was unanimously elected Vice-Chair for the January – December 2013 term.

4. Finalizing Elections Process. No action taken.

5. Review of letter on strategic planning. The FAC reviewed a draft letter by Stephen Adair that expressed FAC's concerns with the strategic planning process.

Motion to accept letter as is and empower Stephen Adair to make necessary changes before sending to Regent Rene Lerer (Crawford/Hoyser) approved unanimously.

6. Update and discussion of TAP standing committees. Stephen Adair attended meeting of the Board of Regent's Academic and Student Affairs committee this morning. The ASA maintains its position that there is no need for a TAP standing committee, and that the existing Pathway committees will be responsible for monitoring implementation of TAP. The ASA also endorsed the original proposed timeline for TAP implementation. The FAC voted in October 2012 to endorse the modified timeline proposed by the TAP Steering Committee.
7. Legislative update. Stephen Adair discussed the January 4 meeting between Mark Ojakian, Chief of Staff for Gov. Malloy, and CSU-AAUP leadership and a subset of FAC members (Adair, O'Neill).
8. Update on Presidential search. Three members of the FAC are serving on the Advisory Committee to the Search Committee. It is hoped that any candidates will meet with either the FAC or the ASA committee.
9. Additional item. Mission statements for the three types of institutions. Braden Hosch joined the meeting at 3:40 PM. The FAC expressed multiple concerns with the strategic planning process, including, but not limited to the following:
 - a. The process appears to be top-down
 - b. Legislation requires the development of three distinct mission statements for the three types of distinct institutions in ConnScu
 - c. The strategic plan ought to be tied to distinct mission statements
 - d. The role of the Higher Education Coordinating Council in the development of the Goals, Vision, and Mission statements crafted for ConnSCU.
 - e. Five subcommittees will be formed to "identify the high level strategies that drive success on that goal" (Minutes, Board of Regents September 25, 2012 meeting). Braden Hosch indicated that there will be significant campus involvement in these five subcommittees. As a review, the five goals are listed below:
 - i. A Successful First Year
 - ii. Student Success
 - iii. Affordability and Sustainability
 - iv. Innovation and Economic Growth
 - v. Equity

The FAC agreed to work with the individual mission statements developed by the Council of Presidents. The individual mission statements developed by the FAC will be discussed at the February 2013 meeting.

10. Additional item. With the system-wide reduction in travel funds, a request has been made that the FAC ask the Board of Regents to reinstate funding for the statewide CSU research conference. After discussion, it was agreed that this annual conference should be opened up to faculty from all ConnScu member institutions.

11. Meeting adjourned 4:35 PM