

Regular Meeting of the State of Connecticut
Faculty Advisory Committee to the Board of Regents for Higher Education
January 20, 2017
61 Woodland St.
Hartford, CT

Present:

Stephen Adair, Chair, Member - Faculty, CCSU
Barbara Richards, Vice-Chair, Member - Faculty, HCC
Judy Wallace, Secretary, Member - Faculty, MXCC
T.J. Barber, Member – Administrative Faculty, MCC
Del Cummings, Member - Faculty, NVCC
Patrice Farquharson, Member - Faculty, COSC
Myrna Garcia-Brown, Member – Administrative Faculty, CCSU
William Lugo, Member – Faculty, ECSU
Mike Shea, Member - Faculty, SCSU
Linda Wilder, Member – Administrative Faculty, COSC
Jay Brower, Alternate, WCSU
Robert Brown, Alternate - Faculty, TXCC
Greg DeSantis, Alternate – Administrative Faculty, HCC
Meg, Leake, Alternate – Administrative Faculty, CCSU
Lynn Roller, Alternate - Faculty. GWCC

Guests:

Mark Ojakian, President, CSCU
Jane Gates, Provost, CSCU
Erika Steiner, CFO, CSCU
Sean Bradbury, Legislative Program Manager, CSCU
Jack Halpin, Job Shadow Sean Bradbury
Lucas Codognolla, Lead Coordinator, C4D CT Students for a Dream

1. Meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM
2. Review and approval of agenda - agenda approved unanimously
3. Provost Gates, Barbara Richards, and Greg DeSantis each spoke briefly about the tragic passing of Jason Ebbeling, Executive Director of CSCU Student Success Center.
4. Update provided by President Ojakian regarding the new leadership that has emerged as a result of recent elections. He is waiting for the budget to be released by the Governor on Wednesday. He provided an Impact Statement to the OPM based on a projected 10% budget reduction which would translate roughly into a \$90 million cut across our system.

President Ojakian encouraged participation at the January 26 “Day of Action for Higher Education” which will be held at the State Capitol.

5. Review and approval of December Minutes - Minutes approved with corrections (Garcia-Brown, Brown) Motion passed, unanimously

6. Elections for FAC – Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary

- a. Since the establishment of the FAC, the following practice has been observed in order to equalize the leadership roles of the CSUs and the CCs: When the newly-elected members of the FAC meet for the first time in January of even years, the FAC elects a chair from the CSUs and a vice-chair from the CCs. One year later, at the January FAC meeting, the two people change roles, thus effectively rotating the positions of chair and vice-chair between representatives of the two types of institutions.

At this meeting (January 2017), after a discussion about whether this customary practice is permitted by statute, a motion was made (Cummings) and seconded (?), to: 1. Adhere to the customary practice and interchange the two positions, and 2. After this was done, request an opinion from the CSCU Legal Counsel Ernestine Weaver, as to whether the FAC’s customary practice is compatible with the statute. The motion passed unanimously, and the remainder of the meeting was chaired by the new chair, Barbara Richards.

- b. Judy Wallace was elected as FAC Secretary due to an immediate vacancy in this position. Our thanks to Greg DeSantis for his outstanding service as secretary.

7. Update provided by Jane stating that the various campuses must provide budget transparency regarding how recently appropriated money was spent related to PA1240. The deadline for this reporting is by January 29, 2017. She will share this information at our next meeting.

8. Legislative Update from Sean Bradbury

Sean shared some of the nuances and probable impact of the new legislative composition. The Governor is expected to release the budget on February 8, 2017 and shortly thereafter various appropriation meetings will occur. He has requested that we identify students who can share how budget impacts are/might affect them.

9. Connecticut Students for a Dream discussion (Also see SB17)

- a. ECSU has been active in providing training to faculty and staff regarding the issues associate with undocumented students. There was open discussion regarding issues that students have encountered across our system.

- b. Lucas Codognolla, Lead Coordinator, C4D CT Students for a Dream shared that students are starting to go into panic mode due to the uncertainty of the new administration. Many students and their families shared personal information to comply with new regulations but are concerned that this information may now be

used against them. Although students are protected by FERPA laws immigrants agents have a lot of discretion. Some brainstorming occurred as to how we can best help our students.

10. System-wide planning committees (for further information see www.ct.edu/about/planning).

a. Human Resources

Jay Brower and Meg Leake reported that both FAC members continue to have limited involvement with this work group despite their repeated efforts to actively participate. Meeting times are inflexible and infrequent. An invitation to attend our next FAC meeting will be extended to Steve Weinberger in an effort to enhance their participation and communication.

b. Recruitment and Retention

Mike Shea, Myrna Garcia-Bowen and Barbara Richards reported that focus groups were conducted at targeted campuses and important information was obtained. Summary information will be provided when available.

c. Financial Aid

Greg DeSantis reported that representatives will visit campuses and talk to appropriate stakeholders to gather information that will be shared at a future FAC meeting.

d. Compliance

Judy Wallace and Bob Brown reported that the policy portal should be available soon for public viewing. Next meeting is February 1 and a status report to the FAC will be provided at the next meeting.

e. Marketing

Del and Bill reported that Spectrum and Associates held focus groups at various campuses and that a formal report would be forthcoming. Of concern was that many of the participants could not name all four CSUs, had little to no knowledge of the community colleges and thought that TAP was for transferring to UCONN.

f. Purchasing and Contracting

Steve and Erika report that work has shifted to the implementation phase.

g. IT

Bill reported that the group will be meeting soon with a full report to follow.

11. Conference Subcommittee Report

Meg reported that the general conference announcement and call for submissions have been sent across our system several times. The deadline for submissions is January 26 but can be extended if needed. Discussion ensued regarding the status of the subcommittee and work that remains. The next meeting is scheduled for February 3, 2017.

12. Code of Conduct

Extensive discussion regarding the draft Code of Conduct that has been circulated. There are many concerns raised regarding this proposed document including the accelerated

timeline, failure to solicit input from important and affected stakeholders, the lack of mention of due process.

- a. A motion was made for Stephen, Barbara and Jane to contact Naomi and Mark Ojakian today to set up a meeting by the end of the workday on Monday. (Mike, Myrna) Motion passed, unanimous.
 - b. A motion was made to form a subcommittee to report back to the FAC in writing by February 10, 2017 in response to the proposed Code of Conduct. The members of the subcommittee are as follows: T.J., Stephen, Jay and Judy. (Stephen, T.J.) Motion passed, unanimously.
13. Next meeting is Friday February 10, 2017 from 1:00 -4:00 Room 207, 61 Woodland Street Hartford, CT
14. Meeting adjourned at 4:03 PM