

State of Connecticut
Board of Regents Faculty Advisory Committee
February 20, 2015
39 Woodland St.
Hartford, Conn.

Present: Stephen Adair, Vice-Chair, Member, CCSU; T.J. Barber, Member, MCC; Del Cummings, Member, NVCC; Greg DeSantis, Alternate, HCC; Catherine Hoyser, Member, COSC; William Lugo, Member, ECSU; Steven Moore, Member, MCC; Patty O'Neill, Member, WCSU; Barbara Richards, Alternate, HCC; Mike Shea, Alternate, SCSU; Judy Wallace, Alternate, MCC; Linda Wilder, Member, COSC.

Guests: Candace Barrington, TAP Co-Manager, CCSU; Ken Klucznik, Co-Manager, TAP Co-Manager, MCC; Estela Lopez, Interim Provost, Board of Regents.

1. Call to order. Meeting was convened at 2:20 PM.
2. Motion to accept minutes from January 9, 2015 and February 6, 2015 meetings (Hoyser/Barber, unanimous).
3. Announcements
4. Conversation with Dr. Estela Lopez, Interim Provost, Board of Regents. Dr. Lopez stressed the importance of maintaining a conversation with faculty, and, that while she would not always be in agreement, she would always listen. She also pointed out that many of the great things that people do in the System are not necessarily captured by a metric such as graduation rate. She said that she was particularly interested in answering the question "What does it mean to be a faculty scholar in a system like CSCU" and wondered how we may best champion scholarship. FAC members stressed the importance of investing in higher education in Connecticut, the role that the Board could play in trumpeting this investment, and that both teaching and administrative faculty have a distrust of the Board because, in part, of the perception that the Board is of the opinion that faculty do not know what they're doing in terms of pedagogy and curriculum. FAC members pointed out that students are not products that will fill specific vacancies in industries, that training is inexpensive, and that education is expensive and faculty intensive. The FAC also stressed that the Regents appear to be very distant from the lives of our students and their realities, and that collaboration moves at the speed of trust. Dr. Lopez was asked whether it was possible for the FAC to contact her with questions for the Office of Policy and Research and she responded affirmatively. Dr. Lopez and the FAC agreed to maintain as much contact as possible.

5. Council of Connecticut Community College Academic Leaders, CC Values and Assumptions and CC Academic Imperative (Richards, Barber, DeSantis)

6. Legislative outreach. HB6812, *AN ACT CONCERNING FACULTY REPRESENTATION ON THE COMMITTEES AND SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION*. A resolution in support of this legislation will be discussed at the March 13, 2015 FAC meeting.

7. Discussion of CSCU Pathway Transfer A. A. and A.S. Degree: [Discipline Name] Studies (Candace Barrington and Ken Klucznik). The proposal will be considered by the Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the Board at the March 2015 meeting. Candace and Ken will be distributing a FAQ about this proposal in March.

8. Other business.
 - a. Faculty Development Initiative. Elsa Nuñez, as the Executive Sponsor of this initiative, discussed possible FAC involvement with Stephen Adair.
 - b. Membership and function of the newly developed Steering Committee for Transform was discussed.
 - c. Opacity Resolution. Motion to adopt the FAC resolution on Opacity, pending final editing by Stephen Adair, Greg DeSantis, and Mike Shea (Barber/Cummings) approved (7 – 1 - 0)

9. Meeting adjourned at 5:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty O'Neill