

Regular Meeting of the State of Connecticut
Faculty Advisory Committee to the Board of Regents for Higher Education
March 11, 2016
39 Woodland St.
Hartford, CT

Present:

Stephen Adair, Chair, Member, CCSU
Barbara Richards, Vice-Chair, Member, HCC
Greg DeSantis, Secretary, Alternate, HCC
William Lugo, Member, ECSU
Jay Brower, Alternate, WCSU
Bob Brown, Alternate, TXCC
Mike Shea, Member, SCSU
Linda Wilder, Member, COSC
Del Cummings, Member, NVCC
Judy Wallace, Member, MXCC
T.J. Barber, Member, MCC
Myrna Garcia-Bowen, Member, SUOAF

Guests:

Estela Lopez, Provost, BOR
Erika Steiner, CFO, BOR
Michael Buccilli, GCC
Alana Wiens, HCC

1. Meeting was called to order at 1:12 PM.
2. Review and approval of agenda
 - a. Agenda approved (Barber/DeSantis), unanimous
3. Review and approval of February minutes
 - a. 2/19/16 minutes approved (Barber/Richards), unanimous
4. Review of Public Meeting Requirements and FAC Subcommittees
 - a. Discussion and agreement that all committees, subcommittees, task forces, and ad hoc committees of the Faculty Advisory Committee must announce meeting times, create agendas, and prepare minutes for delivery to the FAC, in accordance with legislation and bylaws.
5. Announcements
 - a. Brief report on conversation with Chair Donofrio and Vice-Chair Melendez on Presidential Search
 - i. Stephen Adair and Barbara Richards reported about their recent conversation with the BOR Chair and Vice-Chair. Discussion ensued regarding meetings between the FAC and the BOR and public meeting rules. Further options will be explored by the FAC chairs.

- ii. Mike Shea provided an update regarding the presidential search at SCSU. Discussion ensued regarding the FAC's role in campus presidential searches.
 - iii. Judy Wallace provided an update regarding the president at Middlesex.
 - iv. A discussion ensued regarding sequencing of presidential searches and the search status at CCSU.
 - v. A discussion ensued with Provost Lopez regarding her position.
- b. Change in Board schedule and tuition
 - i. Stephen Adair informed the committee regarding the move of the BOR meeting to 3/29/16 at which CSCU tuition will likely be set.
 - ii. Erika Steiner provided further context for this move and more detail about tuition and budgets.
- c. Update on Shared Governance Award
 - i. Stephen Adair indicated that following a conversation with Merle Harris and Estela Lopez they asked for more detail about what types of applications have been ultimately awarded SUNY Shared Governance awards. Next steps were discussed.
- d. Updated on FAC webpage
 - i. Stephen provided a brief update regarding his contact with Alice Pritchard on this matter. He will be following up again.
- e. Update on Outcomes Based Financing
 - i. Barbara Richards and William Lugo provided an update, particularly about discussions that have occurred with Rep. Roberta Willis.
 - ii. A discussion ensued regarding a potential funding source.
- f. Update on TAP and "soft roll out"
 - i. Stephen Adair discussed information he received about beta testing of the CSCU Degree Navigator website and that it would be available soon.
 - ii. A discussion ensued regarding the ongoing work regarding TAP.
 - iii. Further discussion occurred regarding the ongoing TAP and FIRC work occurring on the campuses, particularly at the community colleges regarding individual courses. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding individual courses within and outside of the TAP framework and associated competencies. There was a focus on general course/competency concerns that exist at some level on many campuses. Agreement that Ken Klucznik and Candace Barrington would be invited to the 4/15/16 FAC Meeting.
- g. Additional items on legislative agenda: State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement, Affirmative Consent, Bill on Private Occupational Schools
 - i. Stephen Adair discussed SARA passing. Linda Wilder discussed the value of the reciprocity agreement. Further discussion ensued regarding potential issues with some accredited course providers

that are SARA members and related degrees of protection. The need for such an agreement was discussed. Concerns on the macro level and opportunities on the micro level were discussed.

- h. Update on Food Insecurity (DeSantis, Barber)
 - i. T.J. Barber reported on Community College Governance Assembly discussion on the matter and an upcoming meeting with Jason Ebbeling on the topic. He provided further detail about what is happening at Manchester and possibilities with social service and medical service providers. Future direction of this endeavor and the possibility of a larger future meeting were discussed.
6. Discussion of Presidential Search Process (Shea, Richards)
 - a. Mike Shea discussed the presidential search process at SCSU and also more generally the presidential search process in the CSCU. A conversation is scheduled with President Ojakian about related general topics. Barbara Richards provided further information about policy during past searches and updates that occurred after those searches.
7. Conference Update (DeSantis, Brown, Richards, Adair, Barber)
 - a. Greg DeSantis reported about the progress of the committee, the opening of conference registration, the program which will be released soon, specific presentations, and the next conference committee meeting on March 22 at Housatonic. Further discussion ensued.
8. Elections for TAP Coordinating Council
 - a. Discussion about the method for determining representatives.
 - i. Motion (DeSantis/Adair) to accept Stephen Adair, Bob Brown, Barbara Richards, Myrna Garcia-Bowen, Del Cummings, Judy Wallace as the FAC representatives to the council in the event that it convenes.
9. Bylaws review (Richards)
 - a. Discussion ensued regarding proposed changes.
 - i. The proposed changes as discussed will be disseminated by Stephen Adair to the group for review and vote at the next meeting.
 - ii. Clarification was provided that several minor changes already voted on in previous years will be included in the document since a document that included those changes was never distributed to the committee.
10. Election for replacement for alternate from small colleges and CSU-administrative faculty
 - a. Procedures were discussed. Stephen Adair will contact the small colleges for nominees since there are no remaining candidates from the previous election. Myrna Garcia-Bowen will seek information on her campus regarding the candidate from SUOAF who had the next highest vote total.
11. Board teaching, research, and scholarship awards

- a. Motion (Adair/Barber) to recommend that beginning in 2017 the Board of Regents confer the teaching, research, and scholarship awards at the system-wide FAC/BOR conference. Approved unanimously.
- 12. General communication matters with FAC Members
 - a. Stephen Adair discussed information that will be sent going forward to FAC members.
- 13. Other business
- 14. Meeting adjourned at 4:03 PM