

**State of Connecticut**  
**Board of Regents Faculty Advisory Committee**  
**March 13, 2015**  
**61 Woodland St.**  
**Hartford, Conn.**

Present: Stephen Adair, Vice-Chair, Member, CCSU; T.J. Barber, Member, MCC; Bob Brain, Chair, Member, TxCC; Del Cummings, Member, NVCC; Greg DeSantis, Alternate, HCC; Myrna Garcia-Bowen, Alternate, CCSU; Catherine Hoyser, Member, COSC; 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: Liz Caswell, Board of Regents; Sarah Greco, Chair, Student Advisory Committee, SCSU; Mike Kozlowski, Director of Public Affairs and Marketing, Board of Regents; Estela Lopez, Interim Provost, Board of Regents; Erika Steiner, Chief Financial Officer, CSCU System, Kyle Thomas, Legislative Program Manager, Board of Regents.

1. Meeting was convened at 1:10 PM.
2. Approval of minutes of February 20, 2015 meeting, tabled.
3. Joint meeting with the Student Advisory Committee and discussion of Governor Malloy's proposed budget. Erika Steiner, CFO, explained how the System Office was planning on mitigating the now \$48 million deficit. Efforts currently underway include a hiring freeze, a ban on discretionary spending, cost-cutting steps at the System Office and individual campuses, and the proposed raising of tuition and fees. If the System fails to mitigate this deficit, possible consequences may involve the loss of 450 positions and the raising of tuition upwards of 12%. Ms. Steiner indicated that the System considers these consequences unacceptable. Currently there are no plans for a declaration of financial exigency.
4. Faculty Development Initiative. Estela Lopez pointed out that in Transform, there was no definition of the role of faculty, and argued that Ernest Boyer's model of four kinds of scholarship (discover, integration, application, and teaching and learning) should be a framework by which to define the role of faculty. She will be developing an inventory of all the work being done by faculty within this framework. Suggestions for how to publicize our work included a clearinghouse web page. She will create a 17 person committee to further explore these ideas, to see where we currently are, and to explore how the suggestions in the Faculty Development Initiative may be accomplished. Resolution concerning faculty development. Motion to endorse the creation of a 17 person committee to collaborate with Dr. Lopez on strengthening faculty development efforts (Barber/Hoyser, unanimous).

5. President Gray's response to Opacity Resolution. The FAC will wait for the role of the new Steering Committee and the status of the budget to be clarified, and will treat our semiannual report to the Board as a response.
6. Discussion of Housatonic presidential search process (Richards). Barbara Richards submitted a letter to President Gray raising a number of helpful recommendations with respect to the search process. The FAC will formally develop a list of recommendations for the presidential search process by its May meeting.
7. HB 6715, *An Act Requiring Connecticut To Join The State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement Regarding Distance Learning Programs (SARA)*. The FAC discussed this legislation but no action was taken.
8. TAP update. The proposed degree tracks (presented to the FAC by Candace Barrington and Ken Klucznik at the February 20, 2015 meeting) were approved by the Academic and Student Affairs Committee. Not all faculty are in support of these proposed degree tracks.
9. Conversations with Regents. No action taken.
10. Status of Community Colleges' Values and Assumptions, and Academic Imperative. The Values and Assumptions document has been completed, and the Academic Imperative document is nearing completion.
11. FAC elections. Elections must be held this semester for the FAC terms starting in January 2016 and ending December 2017. The process at the four CSU institutions and at COSC is straightforward, and there is no challenge to completing these elections this semester. There are two stages in the election process for the 12 Community and Technical Colleges. A subcommittee will be formed to administer the elections for the Community and Technical Colleges, following the precedent set in 2013 as described in the FAC minutes from 2013.
12. Update on Hurdles on the Horizon. 23 submissions were received. Hank Reichmann, chair of the AAUP's Committee A on Academic Freedom and Tenure, will be the keynote speaker. The program includes plenary sessions on TAP and on the role of shared governance in the maintenance of academic freedom. As of March 13, 150 people had registered.
13. Other business
  - a. Student Success Center. Judy Wallace provided an update on the efforts to develop a system-wide Student Success Center.

- b. Barbara Richards discussed possible requests to the Office of Policy and Research regarding data that may bear on issues of interest to the Faculty Advisory Committee.

14. Meeting adjourned at 5:31 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Patty O'Neill