

State of Connecticut
Board of Regents Faculty Advisory Committee
March 28, 2014 - Minutes
39 Woodland St.
Hartford, Conn.

Present: Stephen Adair, Chair, Member, CCSU; Bob Brown, Vice-Chair, Member, TxCC; Ilene Crawford, Member, SCSU; Del Cummings, Member, NVCC; Dan Facchinetti, Alternate, COSC; TJ Barber, MCC; Catherine Hoyser, Member, COSC, Steven Moore, Member, MCC; Patty O'Neill, Member, WCSU; Erin Pagano, Member, QVCC; Barbara Richards, Alternate, HCC; Kim Shea, Alternate, GWCC, Member, CCC; Judy Wallace, Alternate, MCC

Guests: Gail Coppage, Director of Outreach and Innovation; Mike Gargano, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, ConnSCU

1. Call to order. Meeting was convened at 2:08 PM
2. Review of minutes from February 28, 2014 meeting. Motion to accept (Hoyser/Crawford), approved unanimously.
3. Brief Updates.
 - a. Legislative session. The FAC is required to report to the Higher Education and Workforce Development Committee and contacted the co-chairs to arrange for this report, but a meeting was not arranged. The FAC will draft testimony and submit it to the FAC.
 - b. PA 1240. Stephen Adair and Barbara Richards reports on the report by Aynsley Diamond and Elsa Nunez to the Higher Education and Workforce Development committee concerning the wide range of pilot programs launched under PA 1240. Data from Housatonic Community College was not included because Housatonic is piloting courses this semester. What the data indicates is that the GPAs of students in intensive or embedded Developmental classes were the same as for students enrolled in conventional developmental courses for Fall 2013. Those students who passed an embedded developmental course were more likely to be enrolled in courses in Spring 2014 compared to students who passed an intensive developmental course or those who passed a conventional developmental course (76% to 55% to 42%, respectively). The FAC continues to emphasize the importance of collecting data on the performance of these students in subsequent credit-bearing courses. It was also pointed out that it's very important to have someone from Institutional Research on the PA 1240 committee. Provost Gargano indicated that a goal will be to hire a new director of institutional research, and that the search to fill that position is ongoing. Stephen Adair and Barbara Richards also reported that the PA 1240 committee is

recommending to Elsa Nunez and David Levinson that starting in Fall 2014, at least two measures should be used when deciding whether a student is in need of developmental education. Finally, there will be a remediation conference on April 11 at Middlesex Community College.

- c. TAP. The TAP Coordinating Council will meet on April 4/15/2014. The FAC feels that an accessible website for students and faculty to map out the academic requirements necessary for transfer from one ConnSCU institution to another is critical, and should be a priority moving forward.
 - d. Policies on sexual assault and student handbook. The BOR passed new procedures for review and adjudication for sexual assault as well as a student code of conduct. The FAC will review these procedures for the next FAC meeting.
 - e. BOR meeting on March 13, 2014. The BOR approved a 2% tuition increase. There were no student protests. CT Students for a Dream were present, but only one student spoke, and that student was from UConn.
4. Bylaw changes. Motion to approve the deletion of the word “physically” from V1.C of the FAC bylaws (Pagano/Barber) approved unanimously.
 5. Discussion of CT Students for a Dream Initiative. This initiative is an effort to allow undocumented students access to financial aid, access that is prohibited, for the most part, by the need to fill out a FAFSA form. There is consensus on the FAC that this initiative should be supported. The FAC plans to draft a resolution in support of this initiative, and ask for the support of the individual governance bodies of the ConnSCU institutions.
 6. Brief meeting with Gail Coppage, Director of Outreach and Innovation, on the Student Success grant received from the Kresge Foundation. Information about this grant can be found here:
http://www.ct.edu/newsroom/bor_awarded_500000_kresge_foundation_grant . From the announcement: *“The Board of Regents for Higher Education (BOR) was awarded a \$500,000 Kresge Foundation grant to create a statewide “Student Success Center” to help more of Connecticut’s low-income, first-generation and underrepresented students complete college and earn degrees or certificates. The BOR is only one of three Student Success Centers nationwide that will receive \$250,000 a year for two years. The others are the Foundation for California Community Colleges and the New Jersey Council of County Colleges. These grants build on Kresge Foundation Student Success Centers investments in Arkansas, Michigan, Ohio and Texas. The BOR’s Student Success Center will serve as a statewide hub for student access, retention and graduation. It will organize the state’s 12 community colleges — including their leaders, faculty, and staff —around a common action to accelerate and improve student persistence and completion efforts. The centers will create cohesion between policy and best practices across the system with support for faculty and staff professional development. The center’s director will be based in Hartford and will report to the BOR. “* A Student Success Center Advisory Board will be convened, and will consist of members from a broad range of stakeholders. This Advisory Board will formalize policy recommendations that will emerge from two college-drive committees: a Community

College Student Success Committee (with faculty, staff and administrators from community colleges) and a Community College President Student Success Team. The Student Success Center Advisory Board will work alongside of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the BOR. Dr. Coppage was enthusiastic about one member of the FAC serving as a liaison to the Student Success Center Advisory Board.

7. Conversation with Provost Michael Gargano. Provost Gargano introduced himself and made brief remarks. He mentioned the desire to be the faculty champion, the value of the tenure and promotion process, that faculty should be on relevant subcommittees of the BOR, and that we need to focus on the students “who give us hope”. He urged members of the FAC to call at any time with any concerns.
8. Preparation for meeting with the BOR on May 13.
9. Discussion of IT-001 and privacy requirements for research involving human participants. IT-001 states, in part, that there is “No expectation of privacy” and that “Board of Regents reserves the right to monitor and/or log all activities of all users using ConnSCU IT systems without notice. This includes, but is not limited to, files, data, programs and electronic communications records without the consent of the holder of such records.” This is potentially a profound barrier to any research that involves human participants. Federal law mandates that the confidentiality of data must be maintained, and this policy seems to be in conflict with that mandate. The FAC will invite Ernestine Weaver, Counsel for the BOR, to discuss these concerns.
10. Other Business. Motion to elect Judy Wallace as the FAC representative to the Student Success Center Advisory Board (Hoyser/-----) approved unanimously.
11. Meeting adjourned at 4:40PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty O’Neill