

Regular Meeting of the State of Connecticut  
Faculty Advisory Committee to the Board of Regents for Higher Education  
March 31, 2017  
61 Woodland St. Room 207  
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-Bowen, Member – Administrative Faculty, CCS  
William Lugo, Member – Faculty, ECSU  
Mike Shea, Member - Faculty, SCSU  
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  
Brian Kaufman, QVCC

1. Meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM
2. Review and approval of agenda - agenda approved unanimously
3. Update provided by President Ojakian regarding the upcoming Board of Regents meeting on April 6, 2017. The main focus will be on how to close the escalating budget gap while improving retention and graduation rates as well as prioritizing instruction and student services on campus. Current budget models assume sweeping union concessions. If these concessions are not realized more aggressive cuts will be imposed. He stated that the System must be responsive to the financial needs of the state. Various strategies were explored and will be recommended to the Board. Implementation teams will form with implementation beginning on July 1, 2017. The system will be reconstructed over the next couple of years. His report concluded at 1:45.

4. Code of Conduct

Stephen sent a value statement to Alice Pritchard and Ernestine Weaver to finalize language regarding ethical principles for rules and regulations. The Council for the Advancement of Higher Education has a vision statement and Stephen gave Ernestine a copy of the AAUP Redbook. There will be follow-up regarding progress at a later time.

5. May Report to Board

A subcommittee exists to help develop report. Immediate areas of focus include:

Response to President Ojakian's presentation on April 6

Code of Conduct

Faculty Work Groups

President's Hiring Freeze – no new searches

Student topics including food insecurity

CCGA

6. Update from Provost Gates

State of Pennsylvania has regional CCs. What has been the impact of this model? A brief discussion regarding this. Provost Gates will be interviewing the person(s) for the part-time grant-funded position to head food insecurity for the system.

7. Conference Subcommittee Report

- a. This year's conference will be held on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at CCSU. Update provided by Meg Leake chair of the conference committee. A brief discussion ensued.
- b. Next year's conference will be held at SCSU on April 13, 2018. William Faraclas will be the new conference chair.
- c. The Shared Governance award will be announced at the conference for consideration and implementation next year.

8. Various FAC Items

FAC Logo: TJ will follow up with Jerry from Art-a Rama regarding supporting a statewide competition

FAC Blast Emails: Stephen to request updated information regarding access and required passwords.

Communication with campus senate presidents: Barbara discussed the need to improve communication across all campuses.

9. TAP and The Coordinating Council

Concerns raised regarding the following:

- a. An effort to coordinate the foreign language requirement for students going to the CSU's.
- b. The way creative writing courses are defined for general education
- c. Did the Board pass the TAP program for Theater?

- d. Curriculum Chair/FERC meeting: Checklist about who had voted on TAP programs. Many CC voted to support programs but many of the CSUs had not but they still went to the Board.
- e. Stephen discussed with Ken and Candace the protocol for how to proceed to completion a there is a three month clock. There appears to be some confusion as to various roles and defining who is responsible for what. Some issues concerning a statutory need to improve the language surrounding TAP process and content as well as endorsement versus approval of program.
- f. CCGA had a meeting almost entirely on TAP issues.
- g. Jane reports that these are already a “done deal”. Are there concerns regarding implementation?
- h. FAC members who are also on the TAP Coordinating Council include: Bob, Myrna, Stephen, Judy.
- i. Jane will call a meeting to address the above-mentioned issues.

#### 10. SAC Issues

Joint meeting held. Focus on communication and joint issues. SAC is guided by Student Activity Directors so suggestion made to have them call in to meetings. TJ to explore and report back.

#### 11. Votes for FAC Members on BOR

Stephen and Barbara to pursue and report back. Motion to confirm six FAC members on the committee (Greg 1<sup>st</sup>, Judy 2<sup>nd</sup>). Unanimous.

#### 12. Bylaws Amendments – Tabled

#### 13. Membership on Legislative Planning Committee

Chairs to discuss seats at the table with President Ojakian

#### 14. Old Business

Provost Gates to send prior email correspondence explaining the budget allocations and impact for CSUs regarding PA 1240.

#### 15. Next meeting is Friday April 7, 2017 following the conference at CCSU in the Student Center New Britain, CT

#### 16. Meeting adjourned at 4:01 PM