

**Regular Meeting of the State of Connecticut
Faculty Advisory Committee to the Board of Regents for Higher Education
April 15, 2016
39 Woodland St.
Hartford, CT**

Present:

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

Guests:

Mark Ojakian, President, BOR
Alice Pritchard, Chief of Staff, BOR
Estela Lopez, Provost, BOR
Erika Steiner, Chief Financial Officer, BOR
Andrew Morris, Web Communication & Design Coordinator, BOR
Candace Barrington, TAP Co-Manager, BOR
Ken Klucznik, TAP Co-Manager, BOR
Deborah Weiss, SCSU
Lauren Doninger, GCC
Vincent Tong, GCC
Lois Aime, NCC
Michelle Kraczkowski, MXCC

1. Meeting was called to order at 1:06 PM.
2. President Mark Ojakian addressed the committee.
 - a. President Ojakian congratulated the committee on the success of the Conference on Student Success and Shared Governance.
 - b. President Ojakian provided an update on the budget cuts, various financial challenges, hiring freezes, and his communication about voluntary furloughs and retirements.
 - c. Discussion ensued regarding the Connecticut budget proposals and how they might impact the CSCU colleges and universities.

- d. Additional information was provided about the CSCU Academic Provost position.
- e. T.J. Barber read a motion passed earlier today by the Community College Governance Assembly to be brought to the FAC for possible support:
 - i. Student success through academic excellence is highlighted in the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities Vision Statement. With the retirement of Dr. Estela Lopez as the Interim Academic Provost the Community College Governance Assembly believes the priority of the Board of Regents should be to initiate a search for a permanent, qualified Academic Provost as soon as possible.
- 3. Review and approval of agenda
 - a. Agenda approved (Barber/DeSantis), unanimous
- 4. Discussion of Faculty Webpage with Alice Pritchard and Andrew Morris
 - a. Dr. Pritchard and Mr. Morris discussed the possibility of an FAC section of the BOR website. Discussion occurred regarding what might be included on such a section including FAC membership and bylaws, FAC reports and notable resolutions, election procedures, conference materials, Shared Governance Award information, FAC history, etc. Other ideas were proposed and there was agreement that there would likely be evolution over time about the types of things that might want to be included.
 - b. Dr. Pritchard and Mr. Morris will discuss a protocol and agreement for posting and bring it back to the FAC.
- 5. Discussion about 211 presentation to the Dean of Students Council
 - a. Dr. Lopez discussed the recent 211 presentation to the Dean of Students Council which arose from a meeting between T.J. Barber, Greg DeSantis, and Jason Ebbeling.
- 6. Discussion of TAP with Ken Klucznik, Candace Barrington, Deb Weiss, and Lauren Doninger
 - a. Dr. Lopez provided an introduction and update regarding TAP.
 - b. Stephen Adair discussed the Framework 30 and the variations within the Framework 30 that may have developed or may develop at individual campuses. Lauren Doninger responded regarding the ways individual campuses addressed TAP requirements including competencies, and that assessment is planned.
 - c. Candace Barrington provided further information regarding the process going forward for review of TAP, which might yield potential recommendations, identification of best practices, and other adjustments.
 - d. Discussion ensued regarding how assessment might occur at campuses and how best practices might be identified. A question was raised about whether a consolidated inventory has been compiled of the competencies assigned to individual courses on each campus. Ken

Klucznik confirmed that this information is in the process of being compiled.

- e. There was further discussion about the more distant effects of the competencies being assigned at individual courses once students in TAP degrees begin transferring to the CSCU universities as well as a discussion about competency-based vetting in general and TAP's impact on campuses. Dr. Lopez confirmed that concerns have been heard and work is being done to look at what next steps might need to be taken for TAP.
7. Review and approval of March minutes
 - a. 3/11/15 minutes approved (Richards/Barber), unanimous
8. Changes in FAC bylaws
 - a. Stephen Adair discussed the changes to the bylaws. Motion to adopt the updated minutes (Barber/Cummings), unanimous. Stephen Adair will distribute the updated bylaws.
9. Review of elections to replace FAC members and alternates
 - a. Stephen Adair discussed the ongoing process regarding FAC vacancy from the small community colleges.
10. Preparation for presentation at the May 10 BOR meeting
 - a. Discussion ensued regarding the standing subcommittee which is currently chaired by Stephen Adair and currently also includes Mike Shea, Patrice Farquharson, Judy Wallace, and Jay Brower.
 - b. Ideas for the presentation were discussed.
11. Preparation for eventual presentation to the Legislature
 - a. Discussion ensued regarding the standing subcommittee which is currently chaired by Barbara Richards and currently also includes William Lugo, T.J. Barber, Del Cummings, and Linda Wilder.
 - b. Barbara Richards reported on her contact with legislators regarding this eventual presentation.
12. Debrief on 2016 conference and begin planning for 2017
 - a. Acceptance of the 3/22/15 minutes of the Conference Subcommittee approved (Barber/Richards), unanimous
 - b. Motion that the FAC expresses its deep gratitude to the members of the 2015-16 Conference Subcommittee as well as the work-study students from Housatonic Community College and Gateway Community College who dedicated their time and efforts, (DeSantis/Adair), unanimous.
 - c. Further comments and thoughts were provided about the success of the conference.
 - d. The 2015-16 Conference Subcommittee will be meeting to wrap up their duties in late April or early May.
 - e. There was agreement that holding the next conference at Central Connecticut State University will be explored. Stephen Adair will speak to CCSU administration. The tentative conference date is April 7, 2017.
 - f. The 2016-17 Conference Subcommittee chair position is currently vacant.
 - g. Discussion about the conference attendance ensued.

- h. A subcommittee chair and potential speakers will be discussed at the next FAC meeting.
- i. There was agreement that Del Cummings and T.J. Barber will work to coordinate with the BOR and system office regarding the 2017 Shared Governance Award.

13. Announcements

- a. Study Group on Enrollment
 - i. Barbara Richards discussed the idea about a study group on enrollment that would include some people who are not members of the FAC. Agreement that Barbara Richards and Greg DeSantis will co-chair this group. It was agreed that Barbara Richards would speak with Ernestine Weaver, CSCU Counsel, about Freedom of Information regulations as they would apply to groups initiated by the FAC.
- b. Update on Outcomes-Based Financing
 - i. Barbara Richards, William Lugo, and Stephen Adair reported on today's legislative meeting regarding Outcomes-Based Financing. Discussion ensued regarding the current direction of that group.

14. Other Business

- a. Motion (Richards/Shea) for the FAC to continue to explore the possibility of a joint meeting with the CSCU Presidents. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. Motion (DeSantis/Shea) for the FAC to endorse the following statement (13.a.i below) released by the Community College Governance Assembly. Motion passed unanimously.
 - i. "Student success through academic excellence is highlighted in the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities Vision Statement. With the retirement of Dr. Estela Lopez as the Interim Academic Provost the Community College Governance Assembly believes the priority of the Board of Regents should be to initiate a search for a permanent, qualified Academic Provost as soon as possible."

15. Meeting adjourned at 4:18 PM