

Regular Meeting of the State of Connecticut
Faculty Advisory Committee to the Board of Regents for Higher Education
May 13, 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
Jay Brower, Alternate, WCSU
Bob Brown, Alternate, TXCC
Del Cummings, Member, NVCC
Meg Leake, Alternate, CCSU
Lynn Roller, Alternate, GCC
Mike Shea, Member, SCSU
Judy Wallace, Member, MXCC
Linda Wilder, Member, COSC

Guests:

Estela Lopez, Provost, BOR
Alice Pritchard, Chief of Staff, BOR

1. Meeting was called to order at 1:10 PM
2. Review and approval of agenda
 - a. Agenda approved (Wallace/Brown), unanimous
3. Review of FAC membership and introductions
 - a. Maura O'Connor, faculty representative from the large community colleges has resigned due to an ongoing teaching commitment
 - b. Del Cummings (previously alternate faculty representative from the large community colleges) is now the primary representative
 - c. Lynn Roller, who received the third-highest vote total in the last large community college faculty representative election, is the alternate faculty representative from the large community colleges
 - d. Patricia Zibluk, primary SUOAF representative from the CSU's, has announced her retirement and has resigned her FAC position
 - e. Myrna Garcia-Bowen (previously alternate SUOAF representative from the CSU's) is now the primary representative
 - f. Meg Leake is now the alternate SUOAF representative from the CSU's, as determined by SUOAF
 - g. The committee welcomed all new members and thanked departing members for their service
4. Review and approval of April minutes
 - a. 4/15/16 minutes approved (Wallace/Brown), unanimous
5. Provost Search

- a. Stephen Adair and Barbara Richards reported regarding the ongoing discussion with President Ojakian about the search for a CSCU system Provost.
 - b. All from the FAC are welcome to participate in the interview process for the Provost search. Alice Pritchard reported that the FAC will most likely interview the candidate(s) on May 25 (1:00 to 5:00 has been blocked off for this purpose). Stephen Adair and Barbara Richards will deliver the FAC feedback and recommendations to President Ojakian on May 26.
 - c. Alice Pritchard indicated that as described in the job posting, the search is currently for internal CSCU candidates only. The names of finalists being interviewed will be made public. Representatives from the 17 CSCU Presidents will also interview the finalists. President Ojakian and Regent Merle Harris will also interview the finalists. President Ojakian will make the final hiring decision. If the internal search fails to yield a qualified candidate, a national search will be initiated.
 - d. Motion (Richards/Shea): The search process the FAC has agreed upon is temporary for this current Provost search and the FAC will revisit the search process in the future and make recommendations for future search process involvement. It is not intended to set precedent.
 - i. Motion passed: 5 in favor, 1 opposed, 2 abstained
 - e. Discussion ensued regarding confidentiality and public meeting rules. Alice Pritchard confirmed that upon review, the interview by the FAC is not subject to public meeting rules. FAC representatives who intend to participate in the interview process must sign a document entitled “CT State Colleges and Universities Provost Search – System Office – Faculty Advisory Committee Members’ Statement of Confidentiality”
6. Establishment of responsibilities for system’s faculty website
 - a. Alice Pritchard presented the new section of the ct.edu website regarding the FAC and other faculty information. The committee made several suggestions for further enhancement of the FAC section of the website.
 - b. Motion (Cummings/Shea) to make the secretary the point person for the FAC section of the website, unanimous
 7. FAC Subcommittee for 2017 Conference
 - a. It was reiterated that the 2017 Conference will be held at Central Connecticut State University on April 7, 2017.
 - b. Alice Pritchard indicated that the committee would have the full support of the system office again in 2017 and asked that the budget for the conference be discussed sometime soon.
 - c. The committee reflected on how to divide up oversight responsibilities for the 2017 conference, including ideas about co-chairs and program managers. There was agreement to choose a single chair of the committee, with possible co-chairs or managers designated by that chair. There was further discussion about who might be a good fit for some of these roles. Estela Lopez recommended seeking further support from the system office for some of these tasks.

- d. Motion made to open nominations for chair of the 2017 FAC Conference Subcommittee (DeSantis/Barber), unanimous. Meg Leake was nominated. Motion made to close nominations (DeSantis/Barber), unanimous. Meg Leake was elected chair of the 2017 FAC Conference Subcommittee, unanimous.
 - e. Greg DeSantis indicated that the final 2016 FAC Conference Subcommittee will meet at HCC on Tuesday May 17, 2016, from 10:00-1:00 at Housatonic Community College. It was recommended that all serving on the 2017 FAC Conference Subcommittee attend if possible.
8. 2017 Shared Governance Award
- a. Motion (Adair/DeSantis) that Del Cummings and Mike Shea will be the FAC point people for the 2017 Shared Governance Award, unanimous
 - b. Discussion followed regarding the need for a timeline for the 2017 award to be determined soon. Estela Lopez suggested that the point people speak with Arthur Poole regarding further collaboration on this matter; the FAC point people along with two members of the Board of Regents will make the award decision, but Arthur Poole may be able to help with the process given his work on the BOR Teaching Awards.
9. Announcements
- a. Financial aid matters, Governor's scholarship, and committee on counseling
 - i. Greg DeSantis reported about Connecticut H.B. No. 5332, an act concerning the Governor's Scholarship program, which has been passed by the House and Senate. Greg DeSantis and Steve McDowell serve on the Planning Commission for Higher Education Student Financial Aid Working Group, which worked over the past year to make recommendations that led to this bill. Changes in the Governor's Scholarship (which will now be known as the Roberta B. Willis Scholarship) that this bill yields are expected to be beneficial to students with low household income, and to make the award more equitable for students enrolled in 6 to 11 credits in any given semester.
 - ii. Greg DeSantis reported that there is no update yet about a system group which might explore student counseling requirements related to the recent passing by the Board of Regents of the new Satisfactory Academic Progress policy for the CSCU community colleges.
 - iii. Estela Lopez reported about the new privately funded national scholarship program, totaling millions of dollars, for in-state and out-of-state undocumented students to attend Eastern Connecticut State University.
 - iv. The committee discussed the failure of Connecticut S.B. No. 147, an act assisting students without legal immigration status with the cost of college, to pass the House in 2016, though it did pass in the Senate. There was agreement that the FAC will review this matter

again at an upcoming meeting to consider support of a potential 2017 bill.

- b. Update on Outcomes Based Financing
 - i. Barbara Richards updated the committee regarding the funding that has been carved out of the CSCU budget and set aside for supporting low-income student recruitment, retention, and completion. She indicated that Erika Steiner intends to hold a meeting with CSCU members of the Task Force Concerning Outcomes Based Financing to begin discussing how those funds should be used. Estela Lopez suggested that the funds be allocated to low-income students via a work-study program. There was general agreement from the committee. Greg DeSantis indicated that the Task Force members might consider suggesting that the funds be targeted via a work-study program to a specific group of students, such as students who are eligible for the Pell Grant. Barbara Richards will ask Erika Steiner to invite Greg DeSantis and Steve McDowell to the meeting with the Task Force members.
 - ii. Further discussion followed regarding the future of Outcomes Based Financing and the retirement of Representative Roberta Willis.
- c. Meeting with Presidents
 - i. Barbara Richards reported that a meeting between the FAC and the 17 CSCU Presidents has been postponed until September. The community college members of the Outcomes Based Financing task force have been invited to the community college Presidents meeting on May 16.
- d. FAC Presentation to the BOR
 - i. Stephen Adair elaborated regarding the delay of the biannual FAC presentation to the BOR. After agreement by the FAC members, he had requested that the presentation occur in June rather than May this year. The BOR response was that the FAC report has now been scheduled for September.
 - ii. The committee discussed potential responses to that schedule change. There was agreement that the FAC will request to report in September and in November in 2016, and will request to report biannually in all future years in March and November.
 - iii. There was agreement that in future years if the need arises to provide additional reports beyond the March and November scheduled reports, that request for additional reporting time will also be submitted to the BOR.
- e. Update on Finance Committee
 - i. Barbara Richards reported on the BOR Finance Committee budget meetings held this week, including the absence of layoffs in the proposed budgets, the system office departure from 39 Woodland Street and subsequent consolidation into 61 Woodland Street, and potential shared system services.

- f. Update on Academic and Student Affairs
 - i. Stephen Adair reported about the increased concern from the BOR Academic and Student Affairs Committee at times regarding the cost of some new programs being proposed.
 - g. Banner Upgrade and moving student data to the cloud – Ellucian proposal
 - i. Stephen Adair reported regarding a presentation at CCSU about a Banner upgrade. There was also a presentation at SCSU. There is uncertainty regarding whether there will be similar presentations on other CSCU campuses. Meg Leake elaborated regarding the CCSU presentation.
 - ii. Discussion ensued regarding what exactly the system is considering purchasing: Whether it is cloud data storage, external management of the Banner student information system, services beyond either of those, or some combination of all of the possibilities. There was further discussion about who is making the decision about these potential purchases and the involvement of the BOR. The committee considered how to proceed with investigating this initiative; there was agreement that Joe Tolisano be invited to the June FAC meeting.
 - h. Other announcements
 - i. Barbara Richards proposed that the FAC invite President Ojakian to our meetings on a regular basis. Agreement that the committee would like President Ojakian to personally attend the FAC meetings as often as possible.
10. FAC liaisons with other BOR committees
- a. Agreement that this item be tabled.
11. Agenda items for future meetings
- a. As described earlier in the meeting, there was agreement that future agenda items should include:
 - i. Joe Tolisano regarding the Banner upgrade/Ellucian proposal
 - ii. FAC involvement in future system search committees
12. Other Business
- a. None raised
13. Meeting adjourned at 4:08 PM