

Regular Meeting of the State of Connecticut
Faculty Advisory Committee to the Board of Regents for Higher Education
June 6, 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
Myrna Garcia-Bowen, Member – SUOAF, Administrative Faculty, CCSU
William Lugo, Member – Faculty, ECSU
Mike Shea, Member - Faculty, SCSU
Linda Wilder – Administrative Faculty, COSC
Jay Brower, Alternate – Faculty WCSU
Robert Brown, Alternate - Faculty, TXCC
Lynn Roller, Alternate – Faculty, GWCC
Patrice Farquharson, Faculty, COSC

Guests:

Mark Ojakian, President, CSCU
Sean Bradbury, Legislative Program Manager, CSCU
Erika Steiner, CFO, CSCU
Aileen Posso CCSU

Meeting was called to order at 1:05 PM

1. Update provided by President Ojakian regarding the current status of our system and important initiatives that are underway. As of this date a state budget has not been passed thus the true impact to our system is not yet realized.

Six CSCU representatives including President Ojakian, selected Board members and presidents attended a brief NEASC meeting yesterday to provide a preliminary status report regarding the proposed system changes and its potential impact on accreditation. The new model calls for one community college and one accreditation. President Michael Rooke is leading the effort. Barbara Billingham will review the relevant standards and report back to the group.

Various concerns were raised by FAC members including issues related to shared governance, assessment, curricula and existing external accreditations of professional programs. Of note is that one president cannot preside over two separately accredited

institutions. Discussion ensued. President Ojakian is confident that NEASC and other external professional accreditations will not be negatively impacted.

The current models being considered are for Administrative Consolidation and Organizational Consolidation of the Community Colleges. The planning process has begun and recommendations will be forthcoming. The planning groups include: Facilities Management, Financial Aid Processing, Fiscal Affairs, Fiscal Affairs Subcommittee Teams, Human Resources, Information Technology, Institutional Research, Students First, the Community College Consolidation Committee and the Community College Consolidation Subcommittee. Membership and minutes can be found on the Board of Regents website.

A request was made by the FAC for transparency and collaboration with appropriate constituencies. There was a frank discussion about the global erosion of trust between President Ojakian, the Board and the various constituencies that the FAC represents. The FAC is hopeful that all parties will be committed to repairing this essential relationship.

2. Report by Shawn Bradbury

Several bills passed that were on our legislative agenda including those related to Dreamers, Endowed Chair, UCONN Contracting, Transfer and Articulation and others. Potential revenue sources such as tolls and legalizing marijuana are now off the table. Shawn underscored Mark's prior concerns over the lack of a current budget and bond package.

3. Review and approval of agenda with modifications to table selected items. (Steve 1st, Bob 2nd) unanimous

4. Review and approval of prior minutes with modifications (March 31, 2017, April 7, 2017 and April 21, 2017) (Steve 1st, Mike 2nd) unanimous

5. Report on FAC Elections

Most elections have concluded; some are still pending. Full report of new membership to follow. Brief discussion regarding modifying bylaws related to the election process. Greg will draft a proposal which will be reviewed and discussed by the FAC.

6. Conference

Bill Faraclas SCSU will be invited to an FAC meeting to discuss the conference and to confirm conference committee membership.

7. Code of Conduct

Stephen was asked to present a draft of our Code of Conduct to Human Recourses. Outline to be circulated to assist with the development of the narrative.

8. In follow up to our conversation with President Ojakian today, the FAC plans to form a strategic planning committee that will cross-collaborate with the existing Community College Consolidation Committee and Subcommittee. The intent is to provide important and insightful recommendations reflective of our extensive professional experiences on behalf of our constituents.
9. Next meeting is Friday July 14, 2017 from 1:00 – 4:00.
10. Motion to adjourn (Barber 1st, Lugo 2nd) Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM