

Regular Meeting of the State of CT
Faculty Advisory Committee to the Board of Regents for Higher Education
Minutes
July 17, 2020
WebEx

Present:

Aime, Lois, Admin Fac, At-Large Rep, NCC
Blitz, David, Fac, Chair, CCSU
Coan, Francis, Fac non-voting, TXCC
Creech, Paul, Fac non-voting, CCC
Emanuel, Michael, non-voting, NWCCC
Farquharson, Patrice, Fac, COSC
Garcia-Bowen, Myrna, Admin Fac, SUOAF, CSU

Long, Jennifer, Fac, Alternate, TRCC
Rajczewski, MaryBeth, Fac, ACC
Richards, Barbara, Fac, HCC
Ruggiero, Christine, Fac, Alternate, MXCC
Sesanker, Colena, Fac, GWCC
Stoloff, David, Fac, Alternate, ECSU
Wilder, Linda, Admin Fac, COSC

Absent:

Breault, Benjamin, Admin Fac, Alternate, At-Large Rep, MCC
Brewer, Adam, Fac, non-voting, WCSU
Gustafson, Robin, Fac, Alternate, non-voting, WCSU
Kaufman, O. Brian, non-voting, QVCC

Lugo, William, Fac, ECSU
Picard, Ron, Fac, Alternate, NVCC
Shea, Michael, Fac, SCSU
Wilson, Marvin, Admin Fac, Alternate, SUOAF, CSU

Guest:

Bill Faraclas, SCSU
Fred Latour, CCSU

Stephen Marcelynas, Director for the Office of Transfer & Articulation
Alice Pritchard, Chief of Staff

[Voting Members: Aime, Lois, At-Large NCC; Blitz, David, CCSU; Farquharson, Patrice, COSC; Garcia-Bowen, Myrna, SUOAF CSU; Lugo, William, ECSU; Raczewski, MaryBeth, ACC; Richards, Barbara, HCC; Sesanker, Colena, GCC; Shea, Mike, SCSU; Wilder, Linda, COSC]

Meeting called to order by Chair, David Blitz, at 1:05 pm. Meeting is being recorded as required.

- Adoption of minutes from June 12, 2020 meeting, Motion to Approve – Fran Coan; approved unanimously
- Health and Safety Procedures for Campus Re-opening – Alice Pritchard comments:
 - Close to launch to phase 3 – re-population of students on colleges
 - Charter Oak – student services had to be remote; will re-open end of August, beginning of September
 - Universities & Colleges must submit plan for phase 3 to include re-population of students; containment issues and shut down processes; university presidents lead committees for CSUs and regional presidents lead committees for CCCs
 - Tried to provide framework and guidelines but universities/colleges have made own decisions
 - All recommendations made in conjunction with dept. of public health
 - CCCs not required to test anyone; only universities required to do some testing
 - TRCC concerned with backlog of ADA requests – will bring that concern back to SO

- Comment from AP – Guidance on testing changed over time – instate students moving into dorms required to test prior to move into dorms; students living off-campus or at home not required to test; out of state student must test & encouraged to self-quarantine for 14 days; quarantining will be group based – sharing bathrooms, eating areas, etc.; if can’t document test, must quarantine
- Q - If student tests positive what is protocol for contact tracing, etc. – A - moved into isolation area (CSUs required to have 10% of their space for this purpose); each school identify their own contact tracers and put them through training
- Q – why no testing at CCCs? A – Testing will not help. You would need to test on a daily basis. Reply - Commuter students need to be tested more often because they are out in the community on a regular basis. Contact tracing is very important but has some holes in it; this disease is highly transmissible. Appear to be misunderstandings on how this can be controlled; will take only a few students coming to campus infected can spread this to a large number of people.
- Comment from AP – 2 most important things – wearing masks and physically distancing
- Q – students who cannot wear a mask because of ADA issues will be allowed on campus? A – Yes, but will try to figure out way for this to work. Might have student sit in back of class 10 or 12 feet away from others
- There should be check-in stations that would give students info and check on mask wearing, temperature checks, etc. Response – not going to happen
- Q – What would be shutdown threshold – Phase 3 will address that and it will be case-by-case; will not shut down completely; might close for a day of cleaning but would re-open; “trying to live safely”; much more fluid
- Q – What about ventilation systems in our buildings as many are very, very old; A – ventilation systems are being looked at
- Comment from AP – You may not get an accommodation just because you are 65 years or older; Response – Issue with age is that the severity of the disease is much higher with age
- Comment – everything SO is doing and mandating is based on the minimum public health recommendations
- Motion to have special FAC meeting on 8/07 to discuss the re-opening procedures concerns – Barbara Richards moved and unanimously approved
- .Report from Vice-Chair
 - Will send letter to Dr. Harris/Dr. Levinson/Dr. Gates – based on the Op-Ed in the CT Mirror signed by them
 - Not pursuing a combative relationship with BOR but it has become something along those lines; will try to make it more amenable; is difficult to create relationships with meetings being online with no video, only audio
- NECHE Joint Update – have asked to see the complete text of the document; NECHE dismissed all Public Comments
- College Resolutions – NWCCC – special resolution – see attached
- College and Career Success Course CC – CCS101 – a course required of every student in the consolidated college
 - Shared governance and curricular bodies rejected this course; was removed by Gen Ed group; shared governance was concerned but asked to remove comments and then members were asked to resign; illusion of inclusion; absence or misuse of evidence; BOR dictating course outcomes; pays lip service to commitment to students of color
 - Should comments and concerns be sent to AAUP – David Stoloff moved to send to AAUP & NECHE – unanimously approved

- What would NECHE do with this if it is sent to them? They might take it seriously and do their job. Important to document items to NECHE.
- Thinking about inviting faculty who are designing course to meet with FAC members to ask them about its design and how it will be taught, teacher to teacher. Might make think about what they are doing and how they are doing it. A teacher talk? Is this to accept this course?
- Transfer Articulation Council – Stephen Mercelynas
 - Look to revitalize this council and need six members from the FAC
 - Why was it suspended? Lack of meetings so members' terms ran out
 - Further conversation deferred to 8/28 meeting
- Motion to adjourn – Fran Coan moved – unanimously approved.

Submitted by,
Lois D. Aime

Next Meeting – Special Meeting - 08/07/20