

State of Connecticut
Board of Regents Faculty Advisory Committee Minutes
Friday, August 23, 2013
39 Woodland St.
Hartford, Conn.

Present: Vice Chair Stephen Adair, Alternate, CCSU; Peter Bachiochi, Member, ECSU; Christine Barrett, Member, SCSU; Ilene Crawford, Member, SCSU; Chair Tom Failla, Member, NCC; Nick Lefakis, Member, ACC; Patty O'Neill, Member, WCSU; Barbara Richards, Alternate, HCC; Mary Jean Thornton, Member, CCC.

Guests: Del Cummings, Alternate, 2014 – 2015, NVCC; Gregory Gray, President, CONNSCU; Braden Hosch, Board of Regents; Joe McAuliffe, Board of Regents; Kyle Thomas, Board of Regents; Judy Wallace, Alternate 2014 – 2015, MxCC;

1. Meeting was called to order at 10:04 AM.
2. Review of minutes from June 21, 2013 meeting. Motion to accept (Crawford/Thornton), 5 – 0 - 3
3. Discussion with ConnSCU President Gregory Gray (10:05 – 11: 20 AM)
 - a. Introductions
 - b. President Gray's Priorities
 - o Major priorities for immediate future include restoring trust and integrity to the CONNSCU system, development of infrastructure, and development of plan for higher education in Connecticut
 - o Development of infrastructure includes filling the following positions: Chief of Staff, Chief Financial Officer, Chief of Information Technology, Chief Academic Officer, and Chief of Public Relations
 - o The plan for higher education will focus on role of universities, role of Charter Oak, how any plan will be paid for (raising tuition is not a viable method nor is consolidation or closing of individual institutions), and a strong focus on student success.
 - o It is expected that the development of any plan will occur over the next 6 months.
 - c. FAC-BOR-GA relationship – including representation on BOR subcommittees
 - o The fact that there's no place for the FAC in CONNSCU organizational chart reveals the confusion surrounding which entity the FAC should make its recommendations to. President Gray indicated that FAC recommendations should go to the appropriate Board subcommittees, and further, that it was appropriate for the FAC to have a spot on any BOR agenda for 5 minutes to report FAC activity during every Board meeting.
 - d. ConnSCU Legislative Agenda –
 - o President Gray considers it his job to advocate for CONNSCU at the legislative level, and further, that CONNSCU must take advantage of the window of opportunity provided by this new beginning.
 - e. UConn Regional Campuses –the expansion by UConn of degree programs at multiple satellite campuses was discussed.

- f. CSU, CTCs and COSC role in advancing higher ed in light of Connecticut's widening socio-economic inequalities. The need to "brand" CONNSCU was discussed, and President Gray acknowledged the success of UConn in creating a brand, but also suggested that CONNSCU members take pride in what we do.
- g. TAP Framework and Structure going forward. NA.
- h. Developmental Ed. President Gray recognizes that developmental education needs to be addressed, and that ConnSCU will have to work with high school educators to improve the existing approach to developmental education, an approach that is underfunded.
- i. Tuition waivers and/or discounts across the system for employees and family members. President Gray mentioned that this was a workforce/union issue, but commented that there should be incentives for associate degree holders in the ConnSCU system to remain in the ConnSCU system.

4. Discussion on IT Governance with ConnSCU CTO Joseph McAuliffe (11:20 – 12:00 PM) Mr. McAuliffe described the governance structure he is developing, and welcomed feedback from faculty. The FAC discussed mechanisms for such feedback, including a joint faculty/CIO committee to review IT Policies I and II. An alternative mechanism would be for CIOs to work with existing Senate committees to provide input. Regardless of approach, the CIOs of individual institutions should be expected to seek faculty input.

5. Discussion and possible ratification of bylaws. Barbara Richards raised several issues regarding the role of alternates on the FAC, including, but not limited to: alternates serving as chair of FAC, the lack of an easy way to communicate with community college faculty, whether the 9 community college faculty members who ran for election to FAC, but were not elected act as a communication channel, etc. The FAC recommends that Barbara Richards explore these communication issues with individuals elected by the individual campuses. Tom Failla requested that any changes to proposed bylaws be forwarded to him, and the FAC will review and vote on them during the September meeting.

6. TAP Coordinating Council Update. Dr. Pat Hershey will continue working as coordinator for the TAP implementation at least through this fall semester.

7. BOR Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Update . Braden Hosch reported that the existing framework developed by the Strategic Planning Committee will serve as undergirding for President Gray's major plans. When President Gray's plan is released (expected in November), context will be provided that describes the relationship between the existing Strategic Plan and Gray's plan for moving forward.

8. FAC representation on BOR update. Language regarding the rotation of the FAC position as well as membership on key BOR committees should be drafted, and submitted to the Chairs of the Higher Education committee.

9. Other business. Motion: the FAC recommends that Mike Butcaris continue as Co-Chair of the PA 1240 Task Force (unanimous). Since Barbara Richards and Stephen Adair are stepping down from this task force, two members of the FAC will replace them.

10. Adjourned 12:50 PM.

Submitted: Patty O'Neill