

State of Connecticut
Board of Regents Faculty Advisory Committee
October 3, 2014
39 Woodland St.
Hartford, Conn.

Present: Stephen Adair, Chair, Member, CCSU; T.J. Barber, Member, MCC; Christine Barrett, Member, SCSU; Bob Brown, Vice-Chair, Member, TxCC; Del Cummings, Member, NVCC; Greg DeSantis, Member, HCC; William Lugo, Alternate, ECSU Steven Moore, Member, MCC; Patty O'Neill, Member, WCSU; Barbara Richards, Alternate, HCC; Judy Wallace, Alternate, MCC.

Guests: Shelly Jewell, Director of Grant Initiatives, Connecticut State Colleges and Universities

1. Call to order. Meeting was convened at 2:15 PM.
2. Minutes from September 12 meeting approved unanimously (Barber/Brown).
3. Chair and Vice-Chair announcements.
 - a. Dreamer resolution is making its way through the various shared governance bodies. Has been passed by Capital, Western, and MCC. Stephen Adair will forward it to UConn.
 - b. Conference planning. Bob Brown reported a "Save the Date" e-mail will be sent out to all faculty with instructions on how to submit proposals via Survey Monkey.
 - c. Update on TAP progress. Candace Barrington and Ken Klucnsnik, TAP co-managers, are standardizing the template to be used when creating pathways from the CCs to the CSUs.
 - d. Update on PA 1240.
 - e. Meeting with Senator Steve Cassano, co-chair, Higher Education and Workforce Committee and member, Planning Commission for Higher Education.
 - f. Update on Presidential searches. Stephen Adair contacted Nick Donofrio, chair, Board of Regents, with the FAC's concern about lack of transparency in the process of presidential searches. Donofrio agreed to forward these concerns to the Advisory Search Committee. According to bylaws passed by the Board of Regents in November 2013 meeting, the role of the search advisory committee is to meet with candidates for presidential positions. It is not clear whether the Search Advisory Committee for the Housatonic president position will be doing so.

4. Review of Academic Imperative. The Academic Imperative was a document developed by Senate presidents, AAUP chapter presidents, CSU-AAUP leadership, and various chairs of curricular committees that describes the academic components that must be included in Transform. The FAC reviewed the document and is in agreement with the general themes expressed.
5. Report to the Board of Regents. Some points that should be made include the following: the importance of shared governance, the fact that one mission will not fit all institutions, that faculty and students are disheartened and the maintenance of institutional autonomy.
6. Meeting adjourned at 5:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty O'Neill