

**State of Connecticut  
Board of Regents Faculty Advisory Committee  
November 14, 2014  
39 Woodland St.  
Hartford, Conn.**

Present: Stephen Adair, Chair, Member, CCSU; Bob Brown, Vice-Chair, Member, TxCC; Del Cummings, Member, NVCC; Greg DeSantis, Member, HCC; William Lugo, Alternate, Patty O'Neill, Member, WCSU; Erin Pagano, Member, QVCC; Barbara Richards, Alternate, HCC; Mike Shea, Member; WCSU; Judy Wallace, Alternate, MCC.

Guests: Sarah Greco, Chair, Student Advisory Committee; Kathy Megan, Hartford Courant; Jacqueline Rabe, CT Mirror

1. Call to order. Meeting was convened at 2:20 PM.
2. Approval of minutes from October 2014 meeting. Tabled.
3. Chair and Vice-Chair announcements.
  - a. There are two positions for FAC members on the search committee for the Interim Provost position. William Lugo and Greg DeSantis volunteered.
  - b. Motion: The Faculty Advisory Committee wishes to thank Dr. Gargano for his leadership. We enjoyed working with him and his advocacy for academic excellence in Transform CSCU 2020 will be sorely missed (Brown/Lugo), unanimous.
  - c. The Student Advisory Committee wishes to meet with the FAC Friday, December 12 at 1 PM.
4. Review of Dreamer resolution. The resolution has been forwarded to UConn faculty and is on its way to the Senate. The resolution has been passed by the respective Senates at the following institutions: Central, Eastern, Southern, Wester, Capital, Manchester, and Tunxis.
5. Review of conference planning. Requests for proposals were sent out, and we are slowly receiving responses. Bob Brown has contacted Dr. Bob Moses about being the keynote speaker.
6. Response to roadmaps of Transform CSCU 2020. Concerns voiced by faculty at various institutions include, but are not limited to, the following. Faculty are dismayed at the roadmaps for the 35 initiatives of Transform, and the 743 accompanying milestones. Faculty feel that Transform represents a transfer of power from the local institution to the System Office. Faculty are concerned that

the distinct missions of the different institutions are going to be erased. The plan is incredibly unwieldy and the money spent by the System Office on consultants was wasted. The System Office appears to be in upheaval, and has had difficulty accomplishing two initiatives in the last two years but is now considering 35 initiatives? The following actions were taken, or will be taken, as part of the FAC's response to the roadmaps:

- a. The FAC agreed to draft an op-ed expressing our concerns with Transform and the process by which it is unfolding.
- b. Members representing community colleges on the FAC will draft an "Academic Imperative" that speaks to the concerns of colleagues at the community colleges.
- c. Motion: Whereas, after careful consideration of Transform CSCU 2020, the Faculty Advisory Committee finds that it lacks focus on academic excellence, consolidates our distinct missions, is so vague as to be meaningless, and removes autonomy from local institutions in a manner that has enormous and negative consequences for the educational experiences of our students. In short, it is neither transformational nor inspirational. Resolved: we cannot endorse Transform CSCU 2020 in its current form (Lugo/Brown), unanimous.

7. Meeting adjourned 4:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty O'Neill