

**State of Connecticut**  
**Board of Regents Faculty Advisory Committee**  
**Friday, November 15, 2013**  
**39 Woodland St.**  
**Hartford, Conn.**

Present: Vice Chair Stephen Adair, Alternate, CCSU; Peter Bachiochi, Member, ECSU; Ilene Crawford, Member, SCSU; Chair Tom Failla, Member, NCC; Marcia Garcia-Bowen, Alternate, SCSU (SUOAF); Catherine Hoyser, Member, COSC; Patty O'Neill, Member, WCSU; Barbara Richards, Alternate, HCC; Mary Jean Thornton, Member, CCC.

Guests: Bob Brown, Member 2014 – 2015, TxCC; Mike Butcaris, PA 12-40 Co-chair, NCC; Dan Facchinetti, Alternate, COSC; Gregory Gray, President, ConnSCU; Steven Moore, Member 2014 – 2015, MCC; Erin Pagano, Member 2014 – 2015 QVCC; KC Senie, NCC; Kyle Thomas, Board of Regents-Legislative Program Manager; Judy Wallace, Alternate 2014 – 2015, MxCC; Ted Yungclas, BOR-Academic Affairs

1. Call to Order. Meeting was convened at 2:07 PM.
2. Review of minutes from Oct. 18, 2013 meeting

Motion to accept (Hoyser/Crawford), approved unanimously.

3. Chair's report - IT Governance – Tom Failla reported on The BOR's IT committee meeting with Regents Donofrio and Pollard on Nov 4 and an IT Governance Workshop for IT and Distance Learning Directors conducted at NCC on Nov. 8. He referenced a presentation sent to members earlier by Tina Nunno of Gartner group. The emphasis at both meetings was on communications, coordination, collaboration and serving customer groups such as students and faculty slide show. He noted that he invited the acting system IT Director Joe McAuliffe to attend the Dec. 20 meeting to update FAC on progress in developing a responsive IT Governance structure. Tom Failla also attended the Nov. 12 BOR Executive Committee chair by Regent Melendez. Dr. Gray released the document "Excel CT" which is a synopsis of the current state of the plan to be presented to the governor and lawmakers in February. The missions and job descriptions of the various BOR committees were ratified at this Executive Committee meeting as well. Details are on the BOR website. Tom also reported on the Finance Committee meeting the same day. He passed around a presentation by Sightlines LLC consultants on the status of facilities. Current financial reports were also presented reflecting decreased revenues because of lower enrollments

4. Update on Chief Academic Officer job description, search progress. Ilene Crawford reported on the status of the search for Chief Academic Officer, and the timeline for moving forward. It is anticipated that in-person interviews will take place the second week of December. Ilene Crawford, Catherine Hoyser, and Mary Jean Thornton recommended that FAC members forward questions that should be asked of the candidates. Dr. Gray was asked about the role the FAC would play in the process and he said the FAC would be invited to attend in person interviews with finalists which are presently scheduled to take place Dec. 11, 12 and 13.

5. Update on TAP. Dr. Gray emphasize the important of selecting a TAP program manager and moving ahead on developing articulations for 20 majors by June 2014. Tom Failla discussed the importance of

campus governance organizations selecting their representatives to the TAP Implementation and Review Committee. Ted Yungclas reported that the program manager position description had been posted, and the deadline was today (11/15/2013), that Elsa Nunez and David Levinson will review the applications with Ted. The FAC strongly encouraged the involvement of Lauren Doninger and Deborah Weiss, Co-chairs of the former TAP Steering committee in this process. Both have unique insights into the challenges facing the TAP Program Manager, and the process will be improved with their involvement. Tom Failla noted that he, Stephen Adair, Ilene Crawford, Peter Bachiochi, Mary Jean Thornton and Nick Lefakis were serving as the FAC members on the Coordinating Council and that Ted Yungclas was coordinating a meeting for Nov. 21, 26 or Dec. 2 to discuss next steps outlined in the memorandum of understanding included the FAC agenda packet.

6. President Gray remarks. President Gray commented on a variety of issues. He reiterated that the BOR and ConnSCU are still new, and ratification of missions of BOR committees was thus very important in providing some necessary structure to System infrastructure.

The background and timeline to the development of “The Plan” was discussed and Dr. Gray elaborated on the roles of the three types of institutions.

The 12 CTCCs have identified the workforce clusters that each will be associated with. It is anticipated that these career, or workforce clusters, will be tied in with interested corporations. The possibility of early college experiences for high school juniors and seniors is being entertained.

The four CSUs will continue to exemplify the outstanding graduate and undergraduate programs, and there will be a focus on improving teacher education programs.

Charter Oak will work to use information technology more effectively “in-house” and as a marketing tool, and will also focus on returning veterans and prior learning assessment.

Members of the President’s staff and the Board of Regents visited the SUNY system to explore processes in place at that system. SUNY has centralized purchasing, human resources, information technology, and employs a common application, something being considered for ConnSCU.

President Gray expects an early version of the plan to be available by mid-January, and a final version realized by May or June 2014. President Gray acknowledged that the exceedingly tight time-frame precluded collecting input from students, faculty, and staff, but that he expected that there would be opportunities in the spring semester for students, faculty and staff to have input before the plan is finalized. He stressed the importance of taking advantage of this window of opportunity, remaining focused, and having something by the end of January to deliver to Governor Malloy.

President Gray also pointed out that with respect to the role of the college presidents in the development of this that this “is their plan.” When questioned whether the CSUs would be able to broaden focus beyond the areas already identified (Central: STEM; Eastern: Liberal Arts; Southern: Health and Human Services; Western: Visual and Performing Arts) President Gray thought that this should be possible, and pointed out that a liberal arts education is a form of job training, though few consider it that way, because one learns critical thinking and communication skills with a liberal arts education.

When asked about the possibility of centralizing on-line services through Charter Oak, President Gray pointed out that while the budget situation was not as dire as it had been, budget issues will remain, and Charter Oak is a viable solution to some of these issues. As an example, President Gray questioned

why it was necessary to offer three sections of the same class at different institutions, when you could offer two, and have Charter Oak offer the third on-line. President Gray anticipates that any course offered on-line will go through Charter Oak.

In addition to commenting on the importance of having official missions for BOR committees, President Gray noted that Naomi Cohen and members of the Administrative Committee were working on “harmonizing” policies for the CTCs and CSUs. The result of such “harmonization” will mean, for example, that there will be Board policy for the formation of search committees for college presidents, and that all 17 ConnSCU institutions will follow that policy. The FAC expressed strong interest in reviewing such policies before they are ratified by the BOR.

7. Report to BOR Nov. 21 . The FAC decided that Tom Failla and Stephen Adair would present the report. The following is an abbreviated list of the topics to be discussed: the FAC remains an underutilized resource; the FAC, in spite of the major changes over the last two years, has remained the one constant; the FAC still seeks faculty representation on search committees for BOR positions and on BOR subcommittees.

8. Planning liaison’s with campus governance organizations. Barbara Richards discussed efforts to identify individuals at the community college without an FAC representative who would be willing to act as a communication liaison between the college and the FAC. Two suggestions for enhancing outreach of the FAC is for the FAC rotate meeting locations and for members of the FAC to speak at their respective campuses semester opening meetings as well as encouraging especially the community college campus governance leaders to connect with the FAC through the representatives for large, medium and small colleges and to designate liaisons.

9. Items for possible inclusion in the next meeting (Dec. 20). Set tentative meeting calendar for 2014; visit by acting IT Director Joe McAuliffe and for the community college representatives and alternates to start thinking about who might be interested in serving as vice chair.

10. Other business. Mike Butcaris, PA 12-40 co-chair discussed some of the recent activities of PA 12-40. The committee is examining the budget implications of implementation of PA 12-40, examining the use of multiple measures in the placement assessment, and considering how to evaluate the success of the various pilot programs that have gotten underway.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty O’Neill