

Faculty Advisory Committee to the Board of Regents for Higher Education

Minutes

December 9, 2016

Present:

Stephen Adair, Chair, Member CCSU Barbara Richards, Vice-Chair, Member, HCC Greg DeSantis, Secretary, Alternate, HCC Del Cummings, Member NVCC Judy Wallace, Member MXCC William Lugo, Member, ECSU Linda Wilder, Member, COSC Myrna Garcia-Bowen, Member, CCSU Mike Shea, Member, SCSU Lynn Roller, Alternate, GWCC Bob Brown, Alternate, TXCC Meg Leake, Alternate, CCSU Jay Brower, WCSU Patrice Farquharson, COSC

Guests: Mark Ojakian, President, CSU Jane Gates, Provost, CSU

1. Meeting began at 1:05 pm 2. Agenda Adopted 3. Pres. Ojakian comments 1. Approval of minutes- Myrna Garcia-Bowen suggested we indicate membership to whom we represent (e.g. SUOAF vs. AAUP) next to our names in the minutes. Stephen Adair and Barbara Richards will look into what the legislation calls for. Greg DeSantis will make necessary changes. Minutes approved. 2. DACA students- President Ojakian indicated more information will be coming out from the system, and that they have been working on this issue. a. William Lugo presented Eastern's petition and discussed some of the experiences of DACA students at Eastern. b. Jay Brower discussed law enforcement's role in the process in relation to ICE and that the FAC should consider passing a strong moral statement on this issue. c. Mike Shea wanted to see if our statements can also support administration efforts in order for us to have a stronger, unifying message. He also wondered if Malloy can turn this into a state advantage signaling that we welcome all people into our state.

4. Announcements: Stephen Adair and Barbara discussed their conversation with President Ojakian regarding grade distribution and tenure at some institutions. President Ojakian, Barbara, and Stephen will continue to have ongoing conversations with President Ojakian on this issue, including their next meeting. Provost Gates noted the differences in contracts between community colleges and CSUs in the tenure process.

- a. The FAC briefly discussed workgroups with President Ojakian
- b. Jay Brower reported on HR workgroup which has had little faculty input and met too infrequently. It has not functioned as a traditional committee or workgroup. Jay Brower and Meg Leake would like to know what HR concerns people have that they could bring to table.
- c. BOR meeting- Stephen gave updates from the 12/8 meeting.
- d. CCGA- Barbara reported updates from 12/8 meeting. Provost Gates was in attendance. Transfers between community colleges and other TAP issues/concerns were also discussed.

e. Security desk, 61 Woodland St.- Barbara discussed security desk issues noting that perhaps it is too stringent. Also, she would like the FAC to meet in a different room due to poor acoustics and overall size. Barbara Richards and Stephen Adair will follow up on this.

f. Sean Bradbury will be invited to the January meeting

g. Meeting with SAC on February 10 – noon meeting with Lunch provided if funding can be secured

h. FAC Website- Greg DeSantis is working on it

i. Event on January 26- “Day of Action for Public Higher Education” jointly planned with CSUAAUP, UCONN AAUP, and 4Cs. Looking for legislators to support higher ed. Please bring students and colleagues. Buses will be provided from CSU’s. AAUP-Chapters have sent out flyers.

5. Program review policy committee- Stephen Adair discussed BOR policy and discussion to have system-wide academic program review. Del and Stephen volunteered to serve and were unanimously elected to committee.

6. DACA Resolution- William Lugo motions to approve DACA resolution (with amendments from Jay Brower) and it passes unanimously (resolution included at end of minutes) – William Lugo also discussed Eastern’s petition to support DACA and undocumented students (link and petition included at end of minutes), FAC members will take FAC resolution and/or Eastern’s petition (amended for their institution) to their governance bodies.

a. The FAC discussed the C4D petition. It will be put on hold till next session.

7. FAC meeting dates from previous meetings- Stephen Adair motions too pass these dates- Myrna seconds. Dates passed.

8. Workgroups-

a. Marketing Workgroup- Del Cummings and William Lugo discussed changes to the Marketing workgroup and the addition of a “Message Development Team”, which will consist of 6 faculty members from Marketing and Social Science. They asked for help in recruiting faculty for this workgroup.

b. Purchasing - Stephen Adair offered updates regarding this workgroup and their goal to streamline the purchasing process to achieve cost savings.

c. Financial aid- The workgroup has been meeting every two weeks and they are putting together a report.

d. Recruitment and Retention- Barbara Richards and Myrna Garcia-Bowen noted that President Nùñez and Provost Gate have done a great job in getting input from faculty and staff. The committee is run very well and they have run their own focus groups.

e. Conference updates- Meg Leake noted the conference planning is moving along well. Please encourage faculty and staff to submit presentations. She discussed the possibility of the FAC having their own session.

f. IT- William Lugo discussed the meeting with IT Directors and CIO’s. Most of the time was spent discussing logging of security events at the system. FAC members discussed concerns regarding

outsourcing. Meg Leake will be sending William Lugo information regarding these issues and William Lugo will follow up with Joe Tolisano. FOIA requests and Human subjects concerns were also discussed. William Lugo will follow up with Joe Tolisano on this issue.

9. Next BOR presentation- dates were discussed. March and October were put forward as re-occurring dates, although we can be flexible if needed.

10. FAC votes on Board/legislation/initiative- not discussed

11. Other business - Mike Shea motioned that the FAC formally ask Provost Gates to request from each campus an accounting for the last 3 years of money received earmarked to PA 1240 and how much they received, how it was allocated, and spent per academic year. If possible, the FAC would like to get the results in time for their February meeting. Seconded by Myrna Garcia-Bowen. Passes unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 PM