

**State of Connecticut**  
**Board of Regents Faculty Advisory Committee**  
**December 12, 2014**  
**61 Woodland St.**  
**Hartford, Conn.**

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

SAC members: Justin Ahern, ECSU; Ana Barbosa, HCC; John Board, WCSU; Deguene Diop, CCC; Keyarra Forbes, MCC; Sarah Greco, SCSU; Jamicia Lachey; Alex Lee, CCSU; Holly Palmer, COSC; Laurren Robinson, GCC; D. Sennett, GCC;

Guests: Jonah Cohen, Gateway Community College

1. Joint meeting with the SAC convened at 1:00 PM. Topics discussed included the failure of BCG personnel to meet with the SAC; a day-long workshop to address Transform initiatives; the challenges in regular communication between members of the SAC.
2. Joint meeting with the SAC was adjourned at 2:30 PM.
3. Minutes from October 2014 approved unanimously (Brown/Barber). Minutes from November 2014 approved unanimously (Brown/Barber).
4. Announcements
  - a. Elections for FAC members for the 2016-2017 terms will be held during the Spring 2015 semester.
  - b. Interim Provost search. William Lugo and Greg DeSantis provided a brief update on the search.
  - c. Meeting with Regents Harris and Melendez. Stephen Adair and Bob Brown provided a brief update on a meeting with Regents Harris and Melendez
  - d. Meeting with George Claffey and Joe Tolisano. Stephen Adair provided a brief update on this meeting. Language in the State-of-the-Art Classrooms initiative that refers to the National Center for Academic Transformation and the Spellings Commission will be deleted.
  - e. Meeting of CC leadership. T.J. Barber, Bob Brown, and Barbara Richards provided an update on the activity of the Community College Council of

Academic Leaders group. This group currently has representatives from 11 out of the 12 Senates (or equivalent) from the CCs, FAC members and alternates from the CCs, and leadership from the 3 unions representing faculty. The group met with President Gray on December 11, 2014. The group also agreed to bring the FAC November 2014 Transform Resolution and the FAC Dreamer Resolution to respective governance bodies. The group also began to develop an Academic Imperative focused on the community colleges.

- f. Upcoming meeting of CSU Senate Presidents, AAUP Chapter Presidents, AAUP leadership and CSU FAC members (Adair, O'Neill).
  - g. Update on CT Students for a Dream Resolution (Adair, Brown). The Academic and Student Affairs subcommittee for the Board expressed interest in considering the FAC Dreamer resolution and it will be on the agenda for the 12/18/2014 meeting.
5. AAUP Centennial Declaration. After a brief discussion, motion to adopt the AAUP Centennial Declaration of Values (<http://www.aaupdeclaration.org/sign-it>) as our own passed unanimously (Brown/Wallace).
  6. Presidential Search Process. The Board of Regents bylaws allows for a student regent to be a member of the presidential search committee. The bylaws should be amended to allow a faculty regent to be a member of any presidential search committee. A search at Western to find a replacement for President James Schmotter will commence in January. Motion to nominate Patty O'Neill to be on the Advisory Committee as the FAC representative for this search (Adair/Barber) passed unanimously.
  7. FAC memberships and communication, liaisons with unrepresented campuses. No action taken.
  8. Open letter and Communications. Discussion focused on the possibility of drafting an open letter to BCG expressing the FAC's considerable reservations about Transform. The FAC is also considering publishing an op-ed addressing Transform.
  9. Transform CSU 2020 Roadmaps and initiatives. The BOR will discuss Transform in the December 18, 2014 meeting. Concerns were voiced that what is presented to the Executive Steering Committee by the executive sponsors is not necessarily what is listed on the roadmaps. Governance bodies from the following institutions have endorsed the FAC resolution that withholds support for Transform: Asnuntuck, Capital, Central, Manchester, Norwalk, Quinnebaug Valley, Southern, Tunxis, and Western.

10. Meeting Schedule for 2015. The FAC will meet on the following days: 1/9, 2/13, 3/13, 4/17, 5/8, 6/12, 8/28, 9/11, 10/9, 11/13, 12/11
11. Other Business. Judy Wallace relayed news about the System Student Success Center.
12. Meeting adjourned at 4:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty O'Neill