

**State of Connecticut
Board of Regents Faculty Advisory Committee
Friday, December 20, 2013
39 Woodland St.
Hartford, Conn.**

Present: Vice Chair Stephen Adair, Alternate, CCSU; Peter Bachiochi, Member, ECSU; Chair Tom Failla, Member, NCC; Catherine Hoyser, Member, COSC; Nick Lefakis, Member, ACC; Patty O'Neill, Member, WCSU; Barbara Richards, Alternate, HCC; Mary Jean Thornton, Member, CCC.

Guests: T. J. Barber, Member 2014-15, MCC; Eugene Bell, Student Regent, GWCC; Bob Brown, Member, 2014-15, TxCC; Del Cummings, Alternate 2014-15, NVCC; Dan Facchinetti, Member, COSC; Sheena Giaquinto, SAC Member, QVCC; Gregory Gray, President, ConnSCU; Sarah Green, Student Regent, SCSU; Juliet Maralan, BOR-Public Relations; Joe McAuliffe, BOR; Steve Moore, Member 2014-15, MCC, K.C. Senie, NCC; Alex Tettey, SAC Member, CCC; Kyle Thomas, BOR-Legislative Program Manager; Judy Wallace, Alternate 2014–15, MxCC; Ted Yungclas, BOR-Academic Affairs

1. Call to Order. Meeting was convened at 2:03 PM.

2. Review of minutes from November 15, 2013 meeting

Motion to accept (Failla/Adair), approved unanimously.

3. Acting CIO McAuliffe and update on IT governance. CIO McAuliffe discussed the continuing effort to develop IT governance for the ConnSCU system, and indicated that a draft plan should be released by the end of the year. The issue of prioritization of projects was discussed, and CIO McAuliffe indicated that an Advisory Board consisting of CIOs from various ConnSCU institutions would have responsibility for prioritizing projects.

4. Dr. Gray and Excel CT. Dr. Gray updated the FAC on several facets of Excel CT. Dr. Gray has received input from Senate Presidents and AAUP Chapter Presidents from the CSU institutions, as well as the Academic Vice Presidents from the CSUs. The Board of Regents will address Excel CT in its January 2014 meeting. The development of an Early College experience at the community colleges is underway, and Norwalk Community College and Wright Technical School are working on a specific program for Early College experiences, modeled on the IBM PTech program (link: <http://www.ptechnyc.org/site/default.aspx?PageID=1>). Stephen Adair and Tom Failla shared feedback about Excel CT received from the faculty of ConnSCU. Faculty raised concerns about the scope of investment in information technology that would be necessary to accomplish some of Excel CT goals. Faculty additionally raised concerns about FERPA, and restrictions on viewing transcripts from other institutions. Faculty were also concerned about the proposed specializations of the four CSU institutions. Gray emphasized that going forward, the first issue to be addressed is “What’s best for the System”, followed by “What’s best for individual universities?” Mary Jean Thornton questioned whether the System would be supportive of pilot programs that innovatively addressed specific needs of our students (e.g., an intensive ESL program) and Dr. Gray responded affirmatively. Stephen Adair questioned whether there would be money in Excel CT to support developmental education, and the answer was “Yes”. Dr. Gray also mentioned that Excel CT may, in the future, allow for “Regents

Scholarship” for community college students with, for example, a 3.5 GPA to continue their education at one of the four universities.

5. Chair’s Report.

a. Update on Chief Academic Officer search. Catherine Hoyser and Mary Jean Thornton, FAC representatives to the CAO Search Committee provided details of the search process. It is expected that an offer will be made by 12/27/2013. For future searches that should involve faculty representatives, the timeline and workload considerations of faculty will need to be addressed.

b. Update on TAP program manager. A recommendation for the position has been made. Tom Failla and Stephen Adair were part of the selection committee. Elsa Nunez, David Levinson and Ted Youngclas were the other members of the selection committee.

c. Update on meeting with Regent Cohen, chair of the Administration Committee. Regent Cohen indicated, in a meeting with Stephen Adair and Tom Failla, that if the FAC chooses to forward an issue to this committee, the Administration Committee would address that issue. Tom Failla noted that the BOR looks to the Association of Governing Boards for guidance. He referenced an AGB report on faculty and institutional/board governance that FAC members may like to read

http://agb.org/sites/agb.org/files/u16/FacultyGoverning%20BoardsandInstitutionalGovernance_final.pdf

d. Update on Dec. 6 meeting of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee. A key issue discussed at that meeting was the appropriate funding needed to institute PA 12-40.

e. ACC/QVCC/TRCC Presidential searches. 3 faculty, each, from individual campuses, selected by individuals from those campuses, will be members of the respective Presidential Search Advisory Committees.

6. Changes in BOR bylaws to clarify the rights and responsibilities of members of the BOR.

Motion. The FAC recommends to the Administration Committee and the Board of Regents the following addition at the end of Article 1, Section 2 of the BOR bylaws: Non-voting members retain all other rights of membership including the rights to attend meetings, to speak in debate, and to make motions (Bachiochi/Richards), approved unanimously.

7. For consideration by the FAC at its January meeting, Tom Failla suggested that individual FAC members/alternates take on an assignment to attend and otherwise monitor meetings and activities of BOR committees and the General Assembly Higher Education Committee and report back to the FAC. FAC members and alternates may be able to provide useful input to the BOR committees: Finance, Administration, Information Technology, Executive, Academic and Student Affairs, as well as keep the FAC informed on developments.

8. Tom Failla recommended that the FAC liaison with individual campus governance leaders be maintained going forward to keep current with faculty concerns and suggestions and to facilitate the biennial election of representatives and alternates to the FAC. He also recommended that the FAC should meet at least once a year or once a semester with campus governance organization leaders as the FAC did at CCSU for its October meeting.

9. Meeting calendar for 2014. Motion to accept the following meeting dates for 2014: January 10, January 17, February 21, March 21, April 11, May 16, June 20, August 29, September 19, October 17, November 21, December 19 (O'Neill/Thornton), approved unanimously. Tom Failla will request that meeting space be reserved at 39 Woodland Street from 2-5 p.m. on those dates.

10. Officer elections at January meeting. Tom Failla, whose two-year term is ending, will send out a call for nominations for Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary. Interested individuals will submit a letter of intent. The FAC accepted his offer to preside at the Jan. 10 meeting for the purpose of conducting the elections. Stephen Adair will investigate whether the two-year terms of office for FAC members, which run on a calendar year (Jan. 1 – Dec. 31), are in conflict with the statutory requirement that the elections for FAC representatives and alternates take place prior to October 1.

11. Other business. Motion to recognize with certificates of appreciation the exemplary contributions of outgoing members Peter Bachiochi, Tom Failla, Nick Lefakis and Mary Jean Thornton to the inaugural Faculty Advisory Committee. Illegitimus non Carborundum (Adair/O'Neill), approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty O'Neill