

AGENDA - FACULTY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

August 23, 2019 - 1:00 PM

Location: Regents Boardroom, 61 Woodland Street, Hartford, CT

1. Introductions
2. Discussion/Revision/Approval of Agenda
3. Discussion/Revision/[Approval of Minutes](#)
4. Update-Teaching of courses by people without degrees
5. Update- FAC Governance subcommittee
6. New England Independent College Transfer Agreement
Jane Gates would like the FAC to provide feedback and share the attached document with the campuses.
7. Update on FAC elections for 2020-2021
8. FAC conference Update
9. New business

New England Independent College Transfer Guarantee



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Background

Higher education students in the U.S. have been transferring at record levels. More than two-thirds of students who earn bachelor's degrees from four-year institutions have changed colleges at least once, according to the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center. Additionally, the U.S. Department of Education reports that, on average, students who transfer lose 13 credits already earned and paid for. The impact of lost credit on students is enormous and contributes to students taking an average of five or more years to earn a four-year degree or, in many cases, not attaining a credential at all.

In New England, one in four postsecondary students attend a community college. While enrollment has declined by 8% since 2009, compared to 30% nationally, this sector increasingly represents a significant pool of qualified and motivated students for public and independent four-year institutions to draw upon.

Project Summary

The New England Board of Higher Education (NEBHE), supported by a seven month planning grant from the Teagle Foundation, is laying the foundation for the development of a systematic pathway for transfer from community colleges to four-year independent colleges in Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island with a focus on the liberal arts.

NEBHE is partnering with the Connecticut Conference of Independent Colleges (CCIC), Association of Independent Colleges and Universities in Massachusetts (AICUM), Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Rhode Island (AICU *Rhode Island*) and community colleges in the three states to begin establishing an admission transfer guarantee, to be known as the New England Independent College Transfer Guarantee (Guarantee). This commitment will assure acceptance at an independent nonprofit four-year institution for students graduating from a community college with an associate degree. Students who meet eligibility criteria under the Guarantee will be able to transfer as juniors and be fully prepared to successfully complete a bachelor's degree. The overarching goal of this project is to focus on equitable participation.

The four key goals of the Guarantee are to:

1. Build stronger partnerships between community colleges and independent institutions in three states.
2. Develop a seamless and, in some cases, a more affordable option, for community college students to attend an independent institution.
3. Develop and promote liberal arts transfer opportunities at independent colleges for community college graduates.
4. Increase the number of community college transfer students who earn a bachelor's degree at an independent institution.

The Guarantee will be modeled after the agreement between the Independent California Colleges and Universities (AICCU) and the California Community College System. The California agreement covers students who graduate from a California community college and seek admission into a participating private non-profit four-year college or university. To date, 41 private non-profit four-year institutions have signed onto the California agreement.

**Transfer Report Prepared for NEBHE by the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center:
Enrollment in Connecticut's Independent Institutions**



Total Enrollment and Transfer from a Community College

	2016	2017	2018
Total Undergraduate Enrollment	56,787	58,110	59,663
Transfers from CT Community Colleges	5,851	5,799	5,686
Community college transfers from other NE states	6,632	6,589	6,465

Transfer Enrollment with Prior Credits from any New England State

	2016	2017	2018
Students who transferred with a prior credential	4,826	4,968	4,976
Students who transferred with an associates	3,869	3,861	3,730

* Some institutions' enrollment numbers have been suppressed in the calculation.

Associate Degree Earners by CIP Code 2016-2018

	2016	2017	2018
Students whose prior highest credential is an associate degree	3,875	3,865	3,736
Associate degree earning with Liberal Arts and Sciences, General Studies and Humanities CIP Code	1,393	1,421	1,384

* Calculation without suppression.