

Regular Meeting of the State of CT
Faculty Advisory Committee to the Board of Regents for Higher Education
Minutes
January 25, 2019
61 Woodland St., Hartford, CT

Present:

Adair, Stephen, CCSU
Aime, Lois, Admin Fac, At-Large Rep, NCC
Cummings, Delwyn, Fac Chair, NVCC
Farquharson, Patrice, Fac COSC
Garcia-Bowen, Myrna, Admin Fac, CCSU, SUOAF
Lugo, William, Vice-Chair, Fac, ECSU (phone)
Owoye, Oluwole, Fac, WCSU
Richards, Barbara, Fac, HCC

Shea, Michael, Fac, SCSU (phone)
Wallace, Judy, Fac, alternate, MXCC (phone)
Washko, Lisa, Admin Fac, alternate, CCSU
Wilder, Linda, Admin Fac, COSC
Thompson, Joy, Admin Fac, MCC (phone)
Newgarden, Kristi, Admin Fac, alternate, COSC (phone)

Absent:

Bechard, Kevin, Fac, alternate, MCC
Brown, Robert, Fac, alternate, TXCC
Billias, Nancy, Fac, alternate, COSC

Guests:

Jane Gates, Provost & Senior VP Academic & Student Affairs
Colena Sesanker, Fac, GCC

Meeting called to order by Chair, Del Cummings at 1:06 pm

- Agenda approved unanimously
- Minutes – add Linda Wilder as a call in; Wally motioned to approve, motion was seconded. Approved unanimously
- AP Exam policy was discussed.
 - These credits earned in high schools should be accepted at all CSCUs with the same procedures used at all institutions.
 - Provost Gates was looking for feedback from the FAC.
 - There are 25 states that are currently accepting AP Exams for credit at their colleges.
 - The superintendents are unhappy with the current process. There is no CSCU policy right now. We need to establish a formalized policy that will be made available to view on a website
 - What happens to AP credit that is 8-10 years old or more? Should those credits be accepted? This should be in the policy statement.
 - It was suggested that a score of 3 or above should be transferable to all colleges/universities
- Students First Committee Transparency
 - Provost Gates stated that they are trying to get information up on the web regarding information on all of the committees, members, charges, agendas, minutes. She stated that they need to get the website updated with this information.
 - There is only ONE person at System Office who is doing this.
 - Why does this continue to be a problem?
 - Provost Gates suggested that we could request this information if we wanted it
 - No, everything should be made available to everyone in a timely manner
 - Provost Gates stated that the system office is very unstaffed
- Del Cummings emailed to all a document from Mike Stefanowitz that summarizes things going on in the various committees. This was presented to the Presidents at their last meeting
 - It was noted that the document is not very useful. It has no specific information about anything that is occurring within all of these committees
- Regional President Searches
 - Application deadline is 1/25/19

- Information should be posted on website; it is a matter of being able to find it on the website
- CCIC proposed memo
 - Outlines problems with regard to the lack of shared governance in the various processes that deal with Students First issues
 - Senates should have decision-making capabilities especially with regard to curriculum and academics
 - Right now shared governance is very narrowly defined within Students First. Shared governance decisions would be considered as “recommendations” only
 - Many decisions being made are not going through any governance process at all
 - Leadership of these committees should be voted on by elected members of each of the committees
 - Provost Gates noted that having heard about these concerns she is going to make sure that requested documents are accessible because if we all saw these minutes, etc. we would understand that these things are not happening. There is a governance process.
 - NCC was faulted for taking the Gen Ed proposal through its governance process
 - The fact that governance groups can endorse only is a made-up policy
 - Provost Gates: Shared governance does not mean that only faculty can be on these committees. True sharing is faculty along with non-faculty (administrators)
 - This letter presents recommendations that would go to the CCIC
 - Discussion about changing some of the wording to be less confrontational.
 - Proposal to bring the letter to M. Ojakian and A. Pritchard prior to bringing it to CCIC. Not agreed.
 - We need to stand up to discuss how academic change ought to happen.
 - Motion by L. Aime to present this letter to CCIC. Motion seconded. Amended to present to CCIC with copies to M. Ojakian, A. Pritchard and J. Gates. Question as to why A. Pritchard? Agreed to remove her name. Approved unanimously
 - Motion by L. Aime to present document as is. Motion seconded. Discussion on wording revisions. Revisions agreed upon.
 - Motion by L. Aime to accept revisions. Motion seconded. Approved unanimously.
 - Motion to approve document as revised made by P. Farquharson. Motion seconded. Approved unanimously. This will be presented at next meeting of CCIC by L. Aime and S. Adair.
- Community College Representation Committee
 - By-laws have been revised by S. Adair and B. Richards to adjust CC representation to be more inclusive for CCs but would not be too unwieldy in size.
 - Question about responsibility of CC representatives to make all CCs aware of what occurs at FAC meetings
 - Comment about the fact that alternates can be part of the FAC deliberations even though they cannot vote. In addition, those CCs not represented tend not to ask to be informed about what occurs at FAC meetings.
 - Should take this back to individual campuses for discussion in their governance bodies before voting on the by-laws revisions
 - Should not vote on this until February FAC meeting. Agreed with minor wording revisions.
 - Legislation states there should be 10 voting members, does not speak to number of alternates
 - Question as to why COSC representation is not increased; COSC already well-represented
- FAC Conference Update
 - Who will do this next year. Need to get potential Chair/location for next year.
 - Wally suggested that WCSU might be interested in hosting. He will meet with his president to discuss this possibility. Gateway might also be a venue.
 - Governor will be invited. Meeting with financial people, but things appear to be okay.
 - Plenty of submissions for break-out sessions – to be reviewed
- Goals for 2019 discussed

Submitted by,
Lois Aime