

Regular Meeting of the State of Connecticut
Faculty Advisory Committee to the Board of Regents for Higher Education
February 9, 2018
61 Woodland St.
Hartford, CT

Present:

Barbara Richards, Co-Chair, Member – Faculty, HCC
Stephen Adair, Co-Chair, Member - Faculty, CCSU
Judy Wallace, Secretary, Alternate - Faculty, MxCC
Del Cummings, Member - Faculty, NVCC (phone)
Myrna Garcia-Bowen, Member, SUOAF-Administrative Faculty, CCSU
William Lugo, Member – Faculty, ECSU
Linda Wilder, COSC - Member – Administrative Faculty, COSC
Patrice Farquharson – Member, Faculty, COSC
Lisa Washko, SUOAF, AFSCME, Administrative Faculty, CCSU (phone)
Robert Brown, Alternate, Faculty, TxCC
Lois Aime, President CCGA, NCC
O’Brian Kaufman, Member, Faculty, QVCC
Oluwole Owoye, Member, Faculty WCSU
Kevin Bechard, Alternate, MCC
Kristi Newgarden, COSC (phone)

Guests:

Mark Ojakian, President, CSCU
Jane Gates, Provost, CSCU
Mike Stefanowitz, Interim Associate Vice President of Student Affairs, SF ASA Consolidation
Committee Co-Chair
Pat Bouffard SF ASA Consolidation Committee Co-Chair

Meeting was called to order at 1:08 PM

1. Discussion/Revision/Approval of minutes
December 8, 2017 and January 9, 2018. Motion to approve with corrections (1st Garcia-Bowen,
2nd Owoye) unanimous
2. Officer Elections:
 - a. FAC Co- Chair CSU: William Lugo nominated (1st Garcia-Bowen, 2nd Cummings)
unanimous
 - b. CC Co-Chair: Three nominations
Bob Brown (1st Judy, 2nd Brown)
Kevin Bechard (1st Garcia-Bowen, 2nd Lugo)
Del Cummings (1st Lugo, Wilder)
Each candidate gave a brief speech. Del Cummings was elected.
 - c. FAC Secretary: Judy Wallace (1st Brown, 2nd Kaufman) unanimous
Lois Aime will be the alternate secretary.

3. Conversation with President Ojakian and Provost Gates
Governor Malloy gave his State of the State Address. The legislature began. Budget details have been provided. Some money has been given back to the community colleges.

The Appropriations committee hearing is scheduled for Thursday February 15 at the LOB. Several private universities, UCONN, UCONN Health Center, the CSUs and the CCs are slotted to testify.

Consolidation update: President Ojakian reported that the new administrative structure will be in place by July 2019. The transition process to one college will be implemented in stages and it would be reasonable to expect that some areas such as academics will extend beyond that date. There was a candid discussion regarding the importance of shared governance and the immediate need for a newly formed Senate with appropriate elections.

Concerns were raised regarding the upcoming substantive report to NEASC and the lack of inclusiveness and transparency regarding process across the system. Provost Gates and President Ojakian assured the FAC that the process would be collaborative and that there would be diverse representation on the various committees. The importance of campus involvement in addition to the committee work was discussed.

4. The need for a Senate to be formed immediately with appropriate elections was discussed and will be shared at all appropriate venues. A subcommittee of the FAC to explore shared governance with the CCGA was selected as follows: Brown, Kaufman, Wallace, Cummings, Richards, Aime, Bechard.
5. Discussion and update regarding the January Board meeting.
6. 4th Annual Conference on Student Success and Shared Governance
Theme: *Preserving Access, Building Futures, Creating Justice*
SCSU: Friday April 13, 2018
The work of the committee is continuing. There are currently 350 registrants, but the venue can accommodate 400. All unions have contributed money to the conference except for the 4Cs. Matt Fleury is unable to attend. Conference venues for the next two years will be explored. Possible options include CCSU for 2019 and WCSU for 2020.
7. Laura Doring from GWCC is proposing a different approach to TAP General Education courses. Some transfer problems exist with the framework 30.
8. Additional action items: Schedule meetings with Legislators. Invite NEASC representatives to an FAC meeting.
Motion to adjourn (1st Farquharson, 2nd Kaufman) Unanimous
Meeting adjourned at 3:42 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Wallace FAC Secretary