

Regular Meeting of the State of Connecticut
Faculty Advisory Committee to the Board of Regents for Higher Education
April 6, 2018
Housatonic Community College
900 Lafayette Blvd., Bridgeport, CT. 06604

Present:

William Lugo, Chair, Member – Faculty, ECSU
Del Cummings, Vice-Chair, Member - Faculty, NVCC
Judy Wallace, Secretary, Alternate - Faculty, MXCC
O. Brian Kaufman, Member, Faculty, QVCC
Lois Aime, President CCGA, NCC
Barbara Richards, Member – Faculty, HCC (Phone)
Stephen Adair, Member - Faculty, CCSU
Patrice Farquharson – Member, Faculty, COSC (Phone)
Myrna Garcia-Bowen, Member, SUOAF-Administrative Faculty, CCSU
Oluwole Owoye, Member, Faculty WCSU
Kristi Newgarden, COSC (phone)
Jenn Cournoyer, QVCC

Guests:

Mike Stefanowitz, Co-Chair, SF ASACC, SO
Pat Bouffard, Co-Chair, SF ASACC, SO
T. J. Barber – MCC
William Faraclas, SCSU 2018 Conference Co-Chair (phone)
Candice Barrington, Co-Chair, TAP, SO
Ken Klucznik, Co-Chair, TAP, SO

Meeting was called to order at 1:04 PM

1. Discussion/Revision/Approval of Agenda
(1st Kaufman, 2nd Cummings) unanimous
2. Discussion/Revision/Approval of minutes
December 8, 2017 and February 9, 2018. Motion to approve (1st Adair, 2nd Wallace) unanimous
3. CC Senate Update from March 23 meeting
Various work groups are being populated with immediate emphasis on the Governance and General Education groups. Discussion regarding how the groups would be populated, who should be voting members and the allotted numbers for each. Some general discussion as to what is meant by shared governance. The importance of cross-functional communication and inclusion was stressed. There was vigorous discussion regarding the importance of establishing a meaningful governance model and the challenge of developing a general education core as well as other curricular and programmatic issues. The system website regarding the consolidation as well as detailed information regarding Guided Pathways will be public so information can be accessed using that portal.
4. Consolidation Committee Update
Mike Stefanowitz and Pat Bouffard provided an update regarding the 3 elected positions due by the next consolidation committee meeting which is Friday April 20, 2018. Each college should can determine the best governance body to facilitate these elections.

Position 1: The SF ASA Committee agreed to add 12 faculty /professional staff members, via election from each college. Each college should choose the appropriate body for elections. The term would be from April 20, 2018 until June 1, 2019, with expected monthly meetings. Member may call in to the meeting.

Position 2: Each college will elect a member to serve on the Gen Ed workgroup – this can be an existing FIRC member, or any other faculty/staff member. The term will be May 1, 2018 – June 1, 2019.

Position 3: Each college will elect a representative to serve on the Shared Governance Workgroup by April 20, if possible. This person may be a CCGA member, a current council/senate chair, or any other college member. The initial term will be from May 1, 2018 –June 1, 2019.

Ken and Candace shared information regarding lessons learned from the TAP process and provided guidance as to how the general education process should proceed.

5. 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 almost done. There are currently 400 registrants. A heartfelt thank you was extended to William Faraclas and to all members of the conference committee for their tireless efforts.

Details of the conference including the various awards were shared.

The 5th Annual Conference on Student Success and Shared Governance will be held at CCSU. Membership for the conference committee is forming and currently includes Cathy Poirier, Stephen Adair, Myrna Garcia-Bowen, Judy Wallace, Linda Wilder, Lois Aime, and William Faraclas.

6. CC Presidential Search

Discussion regarding the importance of this position, timeline, process and the composition of the search committee. Existing Board policies will be reviewed and the FAC will make recommendations as appropriate.

7. NEASC

Stephen and Lois sent a document to NEASC regarding voicing concerns about the consolidation. The timeline was challenging as it was during spring break. Representatives from NWCC also wrote a document regarding the shift from department chairs to a model using divisions directors and deans. According to their analysis there would be an increased cost if \$4 million not a cost savings as reported.

8. FAC Remarks to the Board

There will be a Board meeting in May. Board members have a staggered term so major changes should not be anticipated despite the anticipated Gubernatorial election.

9. Motion to adjourn (1st Myrna Garcia-Bowen, 2nd Oluwole Owoye) Unanimous Meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Wallace, FAC Secretary