

Regular Meeting of the State of CT
Faculty Advisory Committee to the Board of Regents for Higher Education
Minutes
November 12, 2021 WebEx

Present:

Aime, Lois, Admin Fac, At-Large Rep, NCC
Blitz, David, Fac, Chair, CCSU
Coan, Francis, Fac non-voting, TXCC
Emanuel, Michael, Fac non-voting, NWCCC
Farquharson, Patrice, Fac, COSC
Garcia-Bowen, Myrna, Admin Fac, SUOAF, CSU
Grace, Sean, Alternate, SCSU
Gustafson, Robin, Fac, Alternate, non-voting,
WCSU
Jackson, Mark, Fac, Alternate, CCSU

Long, Jennifer, Fac, Alternate, TRCC
Rajczewski, MaryBeth, Fac, ACC
Richards, Barbara, Fac, HCC
Sesanker, Colena, Fac, GWCC
Shea, Michael, Fac, SCSU
Stoloff, David, Fac, ECSU
Wilder, Linda, Admin Fac, COSC
Yiamouyiannis, Carmen, Fac, non-voting CCC

Absent:

Breault, Benjamin, Admin Fac, Alternate, At-Large,
MCC
Brewer, Adam, Fac, non-voting, WCSU
Kaufman, O. Brian, Alternate, QVCC

Picard, Ron, Fac, Alternate, NVCC
Ruggiero, Christine, Fac, Alternate, MXCC
Wilson, Marvin, Admin Fac, Alternate, SUOAF,
CSU

Guests:

Freeman, Seth
Goh, Bryan

Heleen, Pamela
Muldoon, Linsey

[Voting Members: Aime, Lois, At-Large NCC; Blitz, David, CCSU; Farquharson, Patrice, COSC; Garcia-Bowen, Myrna, SUOAF CSU; Stoloff, David, ECSU; Rajczewski, MaryBeth, ACC; Richards, Barbara, HCC; Sesanker, Colena, GCC; Shea, Mike, SCSU; Wilder, Linda, COSC]

- Meeting called to order by Chair Sesanker, at 1:08 pm. Meeting is being recorded as required.
 - Approval of Agenda – Motion to approve – Robin Gustafson, seconded; approved unanimously
 - Approval of Draft Minutes of 10/15/21 – Motion to approve – Robin Gustafson, seconded; approved unanimously
- Report of Chair
 - CCIC meeting – cancelled; has not met at this fall
 - Joint meeting of ASA/HR BOR committees earlier in the week on reporting on sexual harassment, misconduct, etc. – will share reports from each institution; unknown how issues are recorded/reported when individuals still working at a college but reporting to someone not at that college
 - Special meeting of BOR will be held 11/18. NCHEMS will be at this meeting
- Report of Vice-Chair
 - BOR Finance Committee meeting – introduced new funding formula for state universities; this includes elimination of some line items; inclusion of PT students in funding formula is new
- Joint Meeting of FAC and BOR
 - There was a meeting one week ago with some members of the Board and the FAC members, moderated by Pres. Cheng. However, not considered a joint meeting in statutes. The BOR Chair did not attend this meeting. He had a conflict so could not attend. However, a joint meeting has not occurred since the legislative formation of these committees. ACME was the major topic.
 - Fran Coan – No acknowledgement in this meeting that ACME might be flawed in any way.

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- David Blitz – Could be considered a step forward with an exchange of views. Issue about accepting credits by CSUs
- Carmen Yiamouyiannis – BOR didn't listen; Pres. Cheng appears to be listening
- Mary Beth Rajczewski – ACME presentation was directed more toward Pres. Cheng than BOR
- Myrna Garcia-Bowen – CSUs have been very generous when working with CCC students who transfer to CSUs prior to creation of CSCU/BOR
- Jen Long – Concerned about lack of follow-up questions from BOR/Pres. Cheng; Why can't we have a real dialogue? How can we be heard?
- Colena Sesanker – Possibly a step forward but deeply frustrating; grateful to Pres. Cheng who organized meeting and Regents members who attended; however, problems they are trying to solve are not problems; need to have "real" meetings
- Mike Shea – This was a step forward; Pres. Cheng was listening and there to start the conversation
- We are going to continue to pursue having these meetings as noted in the statutes
- COVID Policy for Spring
 - Questions and concerns regarding process for tracking students at all levels:
 - How many students are vaccinated
 - How many students are not vaccinated
 - What exemptions should and should not continue to be accepted
 - Documented process for tracking students at all levels
 - We need system level support to collect and track information at the community college level that does not exist now.
 - We want to know more information about the *real* levels of vaccinations and testing for students, faculty, staff at all institutions
- Emeritus Members – Retired and/or No Longer an FAC Member
 - Barbara Richards has self-nominated to be an emeritus member after she retires so she will continue to receive FAC emails as an emeritus member.
- FAC CC Elections
 - If have not sent Colena a 150-word blurb about why you are running for FAC, please do so now
 - Ballots will go out soon
- FAC Conference Spring 2022
 - One option – discussion on how we could measure our student population correctly to determine needs, etc. We are not doing a good job of researching our students. What are some good research questions? FAC members might want to generate some questions.
 - Virtual or in-person?
 - Need to reflect on how to move forward on this.

Meeting adjourned 2:56 pm.

**Next Meeting:
December 10, 2021**

submitted by,
Lois Aimé