

Regular Meeting of the State of CT
Faculty Advisory Committee to the Board of Regents for Higher Education
Minutes
January 21, 2022 WebEx

Present:

Aime, Lois, Admin Fac, At-Large Rep, NCC
Blitz, David, Fac, Chair, CCSU
Coan, Francis, Fac, TXCC
Dunne, Matthew, Fac, HCC
Farquharson, Patrice, Fac, COSC
Goh, Bryan, Fac, MXCC
Jackson, Mark, Fac, Alternate, CCSU
Long, Jennifer, Fac, Alternate, TRCC
Picard, Ron, Fac, Alternate, NVCC

Rajczewski, MaryBeth, Fac, ACC
Robinson, Dyan, SUOAF, CSU
Sesanker, Colena, Fac, GWCC
Shea, Michael, Fac, SCSU
Stoloff, David, Fac, ECSU
Trieu, Vu, SUOAF, CSU alternate
Wilder, Linda, Admin Fac, COSC
Yiamouyiannis, Carmen, Fac, CCC

Absent:

Breault, Benjamin, Admin Fac, Alternate, At-Large, MCC
Emanuel, Michael, Fac, NWCCC
Fisher, Mikey, Alternate, SCSU

Gustafson, Robin, Fac, Alternate, non-voting, WCSU
Kaufman, O. Brian, Alternate, QVCC
Wilson, Marvin, Admin Fac, Alternate, SUOAF, CSU

Guests:

Andersen, Jonathan
Buzzuto, Vicki
Colacicco, Stephanie
Cahill-Lamboley, Maureen
Gomez, Manuel
Heleen, Pamela
Luglio, Rose

Maisfehl, Lillian
Majeski, Melanie
Muldoon, Linsey
Rimkus, Debora
Seabury, Jason
Weiss, Deb
Wharton, Jonathan

- Meeting called to order by Chair Sesanker, at 1:07 pm. Meeting is being recorded as required.
 - Approval of Agenda – Motion to approve – R Picard, seconded; approved unanimously as amended with addition 1) introductions as we have new members 2) add Myrna as Emeritus member and to consider potential date changes
 - Motion to approve amendments to agenda – C. Sesanker, seconded; approved unanimously
- All members introduced themselves
- Approval of 11/05/21 Draft Minutes of joint meeting – motion to approve: M. Shea, seconded; approved unanimously with 2 abstentions
- Approval of Draft Minutes of 11/12//21 – motion to approve with amendment re Bryan Goh replacing Christine Ruggiero – F. Coan, seconded; approved unanimously with 2 abstentions
- Approval of Draft Minutes of 12/10/21 – motion to approve with amendment re Bryan Goh replacing Christine Ruggiero – M. Shea, seconded; approved unanimously with 2 abstentions
- Report of Vice-Chair
 - Communicated FAC COVID resolution to members of the BOR as an update to the previous FAC resolution on COVID. In response David was notified that he had not followed the procedure that matters coming from the FAC must be sent first to the SO Provost and the Chief of Staff to be vetted by them before being sent to BOR committees and then the BOR. He has received no response regarding content of resolution. Subsequently, Colena sent resolution to the Interim Provost and the Chief of Staff. No response as of this meeting.

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- Comment – Statutes state FAC is to advise the BOR so being informed that issues have to be vetted through the Chief of Staff and the Provost first is problematic.
- The fact that the BOR is not meeting until February 24 and the FAC resolution notes concerns and issues that need to be addressed well before that date it would seem that this resolution should have been accepted and discussed as soon as possible.
- Comment – it is exhausting to be so consistently horribly treated
- L. Aime comment – being stonewalled, ignored, and castigated with made up procedures so they can ignore us as they make up procedures and hoops we need to jump through as they go along
- Report of Chair –
 - Could not report to the BOR in December but will report to the legislature
 - CCIC –
 - 1/19/22 meeting – Consent Agenda – 9 programs, 4 certificates, 80 courses, Gen Ed courses were approved, NECHE timeline discussed
 - 3/02 meeting they will approve 40+ programs/certificates
 - 3/30 meeting they will approve 60 programs/certificates
 - April and May meetings they will approve 40-50 programs/certificates at each meeting
 - Shared Governance document will be approved by CCIC at 3/02 meeting
 - Substantive Change will be completed early February, submitted mid-February, meeting with NECHE on 3/03
 - NVCC CEAC (Curriculum and Educational Affairs Committee) – Jason Seabury
 - Summary of exchange between CEAC and SO (see attached documentation)
 - They would like to see changes and evidence that they are being listened to among other things
 - All items are actionable
 - Huge gap between what is being recommended and what is being offered/approved
 - BOR going against what specifically faculty have recommended to put in place
 - Conversation on lack of faculty input regarding curriculum including ACME policies
 - Possible that NECHE needs to be informed about issues surrounding lack of faculty involvement in these conversations
 - Only projected savings is projected 25% increase in enrollment because of “Guided Pathways” advising
- FAC Elections
 - Emails were sent to colleges to work on CCC elections – to be completed by 1/26
- Shared Governance Award
 - Request that two members of FAC sit on committee to review submissions regarding shared governance
 - Award to be presented at FAC conference that will not be funded by BOR/SO again this year
 - Will continue this conversation at 2/04 meeting
 - This award was created by FAC to celebrate shared governance working well in specific areas
- Reopening Updates
 - TXCC – offering a significant number of on-ground classes that are populating well so there is a concern; no change in non-medical exemptions
 - NCC – has some sort of distribution process for N95 masks that has not been fully articulated
 - ACC – has 1000 masks for everybody
 - SCSU – distributing masks

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- HCC – every faculty/staff will get 2 masks per person
- GWCC – had a lot of cancelled on-ground courses
- NVCC – also had a lot of on-ground courses cancelled; mostly online running
- TRCC – admin doing what they want and scheduling more on-ground classes
- ACME Updates
 - Already had this conversation; do we want an update from management on 2/04
 - Updates should come from faculty, not management
 - Conversation ended with no interest in having management update
- Motion to approve Myrna Garcia-Bowen as an emeritus member of the FAC – moved by M. Shea, seconded – approved unanimously
- Date changes for FAC meetings will be discussed further at 2/04 meeting- many times ASA meetings are morning of same day as FAC meetings - suggest moving 3/11, 4/08, and 5/06 FAC meetings
- Reminder – getting questions/concerns re PACT to bring to legislature

Meeting adjourned – 3:25 pm

Next Meeting: February 4, 2022

submitted by,
Lois Aimé