

**Regular Meeting of the State of CT
Faculty Advisory Committee to the Board of Regents for Higher Education
Minutes
April 14, 2023**

Present:

Aime, Lois, Admin Fac, At-Large Rep, NCC
Andersen, Jonathan, Fac, alternate, QVCC
Blaszczynski, Andre, Fac, alternate, TXCC
Blitz, David, Fac, Vice-Chair, CCSU
Cunningham, Brendan, Fac, ECSU
Dunne, Matthew, Fac, HCC
Emanuel, Michael, Fac, alternate, NWCCC
Farquharson, Patrice, Fac, COSC
Goh, Bryan, Fac, alternate, MXCC
Long, Jennifer, Fac, alternate, TRCC

Muldoon, Linsey, Fac, alternate, MCC
Picard, Ronald, Fac, alternate, NVCC
Rajczewski, MaryBeth, Fac, ACC
Robinson, Dyan, SUOAF, CSU
Sesanker, Colena, Fac, Chair, GWCC
Shea, Michael, Fac, SCSU
Stoloff, David, Fac, alternate, ECSU
Wilder, Linda, Admin Fac, COSC
Yiamouyiannis, Carmen, Fac, alternate, CCC

Absent:

Fisher, Mikey, Fac, alternate, SCSU
Jackson, Mark, Fac, alternate, CCSU
Perfetto, Linda, Admin Fac, alternate, COSC

Lumbantobing, Rotua, Fac, alternate, WCSU
Trieu, Vu, SUOAF, alternate, CSU
Whittemore, Rob, Fac, WCSU

- Meeting called to order at 1:05 pm by Vice-Chair Blitz, as Colena Sesanker had laryngitis. Meeting is being recorded as required.
 - Approval of 3/10/23 FAC minutes – Motion to approve – Cunningham; seconded – approved unanimously
 - Approval of Agenda – Motion to approve – Andersen; seconded – approved unanimously
- Chair Report –
 - Irregularity with approval process for ECSU Nursing program. It was presented to the BOR before it had gone through entire governance process at Eastern. It was scheduled for a vote with the BOR on 4/06 but was not scheduled to be voted on by ECSU senate until 4/18. Not clear why it was necessary to circumvent the ECSU governance process. According to Provost Kathuria items presented to ASA and BOR are presumed to have gone through governance process. There is no formal process in place to verify this right now. This will come back to BOR once it goes through ECSU governance procedures.
 - Consortial degrees – there is no plan in place right now, just conversation on willingness to do this.
 - Industry recruitment – system is reaching out to industry to discuss the establishment of training programs tailored to specific jobs.
 - Legislature – SO asking for \$2.1B for implementation of CSCU 2030 content and other items. No justifications attached to many of these asks and no indication of which are priorities.
- Vice-Chair Report –
 - No items to add beyond what was reported in the Chair's report.
- FAC Elections Committee Formation –
 - Colena Sesanker, Lois Aime, and Jennifer Long volunteered for this committee for the community colleges which has a complicated election process
 - FAC is a legislatively created committee and nothing has happened to revise the legislation to address the consolidation of the community colleges
- Academic Program Review (APR) Feedback Discussion –
 - Effort to prepare a common form, perhaps one for CSUs, one for CCs, and one for COSC
 - Needs more in-depth review
 - How will this work with one community college that has many campuses teaching the same programs

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- Proposed Resolution in Support of Curricular Norms at ECSU –
 - Motion to approve – amended to add “to continue” to the following *Therefore be it resolved:* “That the FAC encourages the Board of Regents to **continue to** review curricular proposals only after campus review of curricular proposals has been completed;” Motion to approve – Brendan Cunningham; seconded – approved unanimously
- Shared Governance Award Committee Volunteers
 - Brendan Cunningham and Andre Blaszczyński volunteered
- Fall 2023 Registration at the Community Colleges
 - Nobody knows who is in charge – it is a complete disaster
 - Course substitutions unclear
 - students unclear about where they stand in completion of their programs
 - schedule impossible to figure out, poorly constructed, and unduly complicated
 - small things are really big things, and big things are even bigger things when students are attempting to figure out what to do or where they stand – they will walk away if confronted with impossible to solve issues
 - New DegreeWorks is inaccurate and incomplete
 - The catalog is inaccurate and incomplete
 - These new items were not vetted at any level, and processes were not tested before implementation to see what might or might not work
 - Nothing is being done to rectify any of these problems

Meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm

Next Meeting: May 12, 2023

Submitted by FAC Secretary, Lois Aimé

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Faculty Advisory Committee Resolution in Support of Curricular Norms at
ECSU and the Franchise of ECSU Faculty

Whereas, in contravention to prevailing norms, two recent curricular proposals at ECSU were reviewed by the Board of Regents prior to completion of ECSU review of said proposals;

Whereas this deviation from process norms deprives the Board of Regents of valuable information pertaining to local faculty views regarding said proposals;

Whereas members of the public have applied for admission to a degree program when the program was not yet approved through either 1) ECSU's established curricular approval process or 2) the CSCU Board of Regents;

Whereas the ECSU Senate Academic Affairs Committee was not asked to review or provide feedback on whether ECSU should solicit admissions applications to an unapproved program at ECSU;

Whereas the administration at ECSU blocked an email service and refused to remove the block, even when they were notified that it would uniquely interfere with communication to Eastern's faculty;

Whereas the block prohibited ECSU faculty from nominating colleagues for statewide officer positions in AAUP until faculty accidentally discovered that their right to the franchise had been hindered;

Therefore be it Resolved

That the FAC supports the faculty at ECSU and their right to a broad-based, deliberate and norm-based curricular review process;

That the FAC believes capricious violation of norms demoralizes faculty and leads to their disengagement from shared governance;

That the FAC acknowledges the risk to the public from the solicitation of applications to unapproved academic programs and that such admissions runs counter to campus and BOR oversight of curriculum;

That the FAC encourages the Board of Regents to continue to review curricular proposals only after campus review of curricular proposals has been completed;

That the FAC rejects any block of communication to faculty that infringes upon their right to a franchise in union matters.

Approved unanimously April 14, 2023