

**Regular Meeting of the State of CT  
Faculty Advisory Committee to the Board of Regents for Higher Education**

**Minutes**

**August 18, 2023**

**Present:**

Aime, Lois, Admin Fac, At-Large Rep, NCC  
Blitz, David, Fac, Vice-Chair, CCSU  
Cunningham, Brendan, Fac, ECSU  
Dunne, Matthew, Fac, HCC  
Emanuel, Michael, Fac, alternate, NWCCC  
Goh, Bryan, Fac, alternate, MXCC  
Long, Jennifer, Fac, alternate, TRCC  
Muldoon, Linsey, Fac, alternate, MCC

Palkie, Brooke, Admin FAC, COSC  
Rajczewski, MaryBeth, Fac, ACC  
Robinson, Dyan, SUOAF, CSU  
Sesanker, Colena, Fac, Chair, GWCC  
Shea, Michael, Fac, SCSU  
Stoloff, David, Fac, alternate, ECSU  
Trieu, Vu, SUOAF, alternate, CSU

**Absent:**

Andersen, Jonathan, Fac, alternate, QVCC  
Blaszczynski, Andre, Fac, alternate, TXCC  
Coan, Francis, Fac, TXCC, Emeritus  
Farquharson, Patrice, Fac, COSC  
Fisher, Mikey, Fac, alternate, SCSU

Jackson, Mark, Fac, alternate, CCSU  
Lumbantobing, Rotua, Fac, alternate, WCSU  
Whittemore, Rob, Fac, WCSU  
Wilder, Linda, Admin Fac, COSC  
Yiamouyiannis, Carmen, Fac, alternate CCC

Meeting called to order at 1:02 PM by Chair Sesanker. Meeting is being recorded as required.

- Approval of Agenda – Motion to approve – Lois Aime; seconded – approved unanimously with suggestion to move item 6 up to item 4.
- Approval of July FAC minutes deferred until August meeting due inadvertently not circulated to members
- Report of Vice-Chair
  - Budget approved by Legislature increases PACT funding for CC students (c-last page)
    - There is one-year support for CC GP Advisors
    - There is a decrease in funding in 2025 over 2024
    - Narrative is that things are constantly getting worse
  - Each of the six institutions are to present remediation proposals by November 1
  - **Resolution proposed by David Blitz and seconded with item #2 as an amendment. Approved with one abstention.**

~~Be it Resolved that in order to fully engage each of the institutions members of CSCU in the effort to achieve system-wide fiscal viability while respecting the autonomy and integrity of each constituent unit:~~

- ~~1. → That the Board authorize each of the six constituent institutions of CSCU to propose remedial measures appropriate to their specific fiscal situation, reserve funds and academic needs;~~
- ~~2. → That local administrations accompany any proposed remediation measures~~
- ~~3. → That these measures be forwarded to the System Office by mid-October at the latest, for consideration and approval by the Board at a special November meeting.~~
- ~~4. → That the Board consider using the reserve at the System Office to support member institutions until such time as state funding is adequate.~~

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- Report of Chair
  - (c-last page) \$55M has been allocated to CSCU to provide temporary operating support to the universities, CT State CC, and Charter Oak. Out of that amount \$13.5M is being held back for CSCU System initiatives. That is just about 25% of the total. What is the justification for that when our students are losing so many services such as library hours, food services, and many other wrap-around services as our Educational Assistant (EA) contracts are being cut. 166 EAs out of 700 were not renewed, while others are being given one month, two month, or five or six-month contracts.
    - At Capital, for example, as of the beginning of the fall semester there will be no cafeteria services, no library access evenings and weekends, no career services director, tutoring support reduction, disability services reduction, ESL services reduction, no office administrator support in key student services offices such as advising.
  - Enrollment issues –
    - Hundreds of students have wrong school code on FAFSA due use of Capital CC OPEID number confusion
    - CPoS (Course in Program of Study) DOE ruling is being interpreted in a draconian manner and students are being told that many courses they have registered for will not be covered by Financial Aid and they will therefore have to pay for those courses out of pocket
    - DegreeWorks is not programmed properly and is, therefore, misrepresenting how courses should be placed in a program and covered by Financial Aid
    - Courses are not being interpreted and/or substituted for correctly for Legacy students who took courses at the community colleges previous to the existence of CT State
    - Helping students with substitutions is a complicated process that is not automated and has to go through numerous departments, and students must know that they have to seek this help
    - This is a disaster that should have been foreseen and the multiple component pieces of software and hardware that are 1. poorly programmed, and 2. Ineffective and inefficient on their own, have only compounded the problems
  - By-Laws need to be edited to reflect change to CT State vs. 12 individual colleges. The word “college” needs to be changed to “campus.” Motion to make this change made by David Blitz; seconded. Approved unanimously.
  - FAC study update – work continuing; committee has met three times and will meet again in about three weeks
  - Instruction at ECSU – managers signed contract with Bisk Education with no shared governance input. Bisk is a Florida based organization that deals in online education. They pressure prospective students into signing up for online education and they get a portion of the money that students pay. Percentage they take is unclear but could be as much as 70%. In addition, Bisk appears to take ownership of class materials. Villanova University in process of suing Bisk Education. Eastern faculty unclear on how this will work. Bisk may screen ECSU people who would participate in this process and teaching these courses.
  - FAC Emeritus – Ron Picard – motion to approve emeritus status made by Lois Aime; seconded. Approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 3:01 pm

**Next Regular Meeting: September 15, 2023**

Submitted by FAC Secretary, Lois Aimé

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Comments added by dsb

CSCU State Appropriations, FY 22 - FY 25

Account Name	Approved		Approved 6/3/23 per HB 6981	
	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>State Appropriations</b>				
Charter Oak State College	3,459,107	3,656,390	3,127,472	3,182,468
Community Tech College System	153,376,054	172,456,308	208,495,341	217,494,271
Connecticut State University	161,882,818	174,367,292	176,054,688	178,635,888
BOR	436,324	453,500	460,084	466,906
Developmental Services	8,912,702	9,896,460	10,042,069	10,190,984
Outcomes-Based Funding Incentive	1,202,027	1,335,638	1,354,341	1,374,425
O'Neill Chair	-	315,000	315,000	315,000
	\$ 329,269,032	\$ 362,480,588	\$ 399,848,995	\$ 411,659,942
PACT Program - Debt Free Community College	14,000,000	15,000,000	23,500,000	28,500,000
Enhance Student Retention at Community Colleges	-	19,500,000	6,500,000	-
Additional Fringe Benefits Support	60,990,877	64,503,926	-	-
Deficiency Funding for Wages (Orig. Source ARPA FY23)	21,600,000	24,000,000	-	-
Provide Support for Salary Cost of the 27th Payroll	-	10,000,000	-	-
Charter O Additional State Approp (Graduation Fee Waiver)	140,000	140,000	-	-
Community Colleges: E-Commerce Training Program	-	65,000	-	-
Provide Operations Support Through Short-Term Recovery Funds	-	118,000,000	147,700,000	48,800,000
Provide Temporary Operating Support	-	-	55,000,000	27,500,000
<b>GRAND Total State Support</b>	<b>\$ 435,999,910</b>	<b>\$ 618,689,514</b>	<b>\$ 632,548,995</b>	<b>\$ 516,459,942</b>

Additional \$55 "Carry Over"

Increase for PACT for CCs  
One Year Support for CC Advisors I  
Additional \$50 Over OPM/Gov  
Additional \$55 "Carry Over"  
As Per OPM/Gov  
1/2 of 2024 Added "Carry Over"

\$13.9 million increase over 2023      \$116.1 million decrease over 2024

**Latest Overall Deficits FY 24, 25, 26**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The CSCU recommended Spending Plan includes expenditures in FY24 of \$1.205 billion, AGAINST revenue of \$1.191 billion from state appropriations and one time funding provided by the State, tuition and fees, auxiliary services and all other sources. The overall deficit is \$13.7 million across the six institutions and system office. While this shortfall is only 1% of the overall budget of CSCU, several individual institutions face serious deficits in FY24. Moreover, all CSCU institutions are

Millions (\$)	Projected Results		
	FY24 Bud	FY25 Proj	FY26 Proj
CCSU	13.5	(4.7)	(14.8)
ECSU	-	(8.0)	(12.7)
SCSU	5.5	(12.1)	(21.6)
WCSU	(12.0)	(21.6)	(25.2)
CT State	(33.6)	(97.8)	(124.6)
Charter Oak	(0.6)	(2.5)	(2.4)
Operations Support Funding	13.5	-	-
<b>CSCU Total</b>	<b>\$ (13.7)</b>	<b>\$ (146.7)</b>	<b>\$ (201.2)</b>

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**Allocation of \$55M**

Allocation by Institution	FY2024		
	Original Distribution	Revisions	Revised Allocation
CCSU	6,839,743		6,839,743
ECSU	3,252,304		3,252,304
SCSU	6,435,658		6,435,658
WCSU	3,239,651		3,239,651
<b>Total CSUs</b>	<b>\$ 19,767,356</b>		<b>\$ 19,767,356</b>
CT State Community College	15,048,893	5,000,000	20,048,893
Charter Oak State College	183,751	1,500,000	1,683,751
<b>Total Distributed to Institutions</b>	<b>\$ 35,000,000</b>		<b>\$ 41,500,000</b>
<b>Holdback for CSCU System Initiatives</b>	<b>13,500,000</b>		<b>13,500,000</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 55,000,000</b>		<b>\$ 55,000,000</b>