

Regular Meeting of the State of CT
Faculty Advisory Committee to the Board of Regents for Higher Education
Minutes
April 01, 2022 WebEx

Present:

Aime, Lois, Admin Fac, At-Large Rep, NCC
Andersen, Jonathan, Fac, alternate, QVCC
Blitz, David, Fac, Chair, CCSU
Coan, Francis, Fac, alternate, TXCC
Cunningham, Brendan, Fac, ECSU
Dunne, Matthew, Fac, HCC
Emanuel, Michael, Fac, alternate, NWCCC
Garcia-Bowen, Myrna, SUOAF (retired)
Long, Jennifer, Fac, alternate, TRCC

Muldoon, Linsey, Fac, Alternate, MCC
Picard, Ron, Fac, alternate, NVCC
Rajczewski, MaryBeth, Fac, ACC
Robinson, Dyan, SUOAF, CSU
Sesanker, Colena, Fac, Vice-Chair, GWCC
Stoloff, David, Fac, alternate, ECSU
Trieu, Vu, SUOAF, CSU alternate
Wilder, Linda, Admin Fac, COSC

Absent:

Farquharson, Patrice, Fac, COSC
Fisher, Mikey, alternate, SCSU
Goh, Bryan, Fac, alternate, MXCC
Gustafson, Robin, Fac, Alternate, non-voting,
WCSU

Jackson, Mark, Fac, Alternate, CCSU
Perfetto, Linda, Admin Fac, alternate, COSC
Shea, Michael, Fac, SCSU
Yiamouyiannis, Carmen, Fac, alternate, CCC

Guests:

Ball, Karleen, NVCC
Frye, Maureen, NVCC
Heleen, Pamela, SO

Tuccio, Christopher, NVCC
Wormack, Antony, NVCC
Zutant, Diane, NVCC

- Meeting called to order by Chair Blitz, at 1:04 pm. Meeting is being recorded as required.
 - Approval of March 11 minutes – Motion to approve – Fran Coan, seconded – approved unanimously
 - Approval of Agenda – Motion to approve – Fran Coan, seconded – approved unanimously
- Chair Report –
 - Finance Committee report –
 - System facing deficit of \$250M for coming FY23. Will approach legislature for more funding to fill the gap. Following causing some of this problem –
 - Enrollment issues are a concern – numbers keep changing, up, down, and sideways, on this, but could cost around \$80M
 - 27th payroll this year. Every 14 years there is a year with 27 pay dates and 2022 is one and increases payroll by \$40M for CSCU (this is problem for all state agencies)
 - SEBAC retroactive FY2022 pay negotiated in contracts equals \$70M for CSCU system – did not show in previous budgets. Did not expect this to occur
 - SEBAC pay raises are about \$60M
 - Fees/tuition increases for state universities - % varies per university but CCSU increase equals about 9.7% and other universities would be around this number.
 - COVID 19 policy – no statement re on-campus clinics and no recommendation to all to get boosters – recommendation to correct this
 - FAC resolution on Ukraine not included on BOR agenda, as usual, but recommendation to offer free tuition for all refugees
 - Renewed request for regular FAC agenda item re commentary/resolutions at each BOR meeting still not agreed upon

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- CSCU Online Learning Council – encroaching on faculty ownership of curriculum & pedagogy; what is it meant to do?
- Vice-Chair Report –
 - CCIC meeting of 3/30 approved 22 programs, 10 certificates, 201 courses
 - Concern – Philosophy courses aligned by individuals with no degree in Philosophy; how many other courses were worked on by those who do not have the credentials in that area.
 - Question – how do we find these programs, certificates, courses, with descriptions of content
 - Answer – No one knows
 - Legislature – bills:
 - HB5300 – mergers and closures of CSCU institutions made it out of committee
 - SB315 & HB5030 – info on adjuncts to apply for unemployment when necessary
- NECHE response to BOR Substantive Change for CSCC
 - 14 pages of very specific objectives that BOR must meet before accreditation is granted
 - FAC should respond to this with clear position on certain items
 - Statement – NECHE letter to institutions who are up for accreditation to stop work until consolidation is determined. This is problematic because now there is no avenue to express concerns
 - Question – who is audience for FAC response?
 - Answer – BOR
 - Response – huge waste of time
 - Send to legislature? Make general public aware?
 - TXCC completed accreditation and waiting for NECHE letter
 - HCC meeting with NECHE next week; given option not to meet but HCC wanted to meet
- COVID-19 situation at CSCU – no joint discussion with FAC
 - Mask mandate lifted as of 4/04; No more social distancing; No more contact tracing
 - Need to request data from System Office
 - Need to help students feel comfortable with continuing to wear masks
 - SO is re-active instead of pro-active
- Joint Meeting with BOR & FAC – need to reach out again to talk about this
- FAC Conference – might get funding from SO; thinking about this for fall 2022
- Research Committee – no report; need economist on this committee

Meeting adjourned – 2:08 pm

Next Meeting: May 6, 2022, submitted by FAC Secretary, Lois Aimé