

**Regular Meeting of the State of CT  
Faculty Advisory Committee to the Board of Regents for Higher Education  
Minutes  
May 14, 2021, WebEx**

**Present:**

Aime, Lois, Admin Fac, At-Large Rep, NCC  
Blitz, David, Fac, Chair, CCSU  
Coan, Francis, Fac non-voting, TXCC  
Creech, Paul, Fac, non-voting, CCC  
Emanuel, Michael, Fac non-voting, NWCCC  
Farquharson, Patrice, Fac, COSC  
Garcia-Bowen, Myrna, Admin Fac, SUOAF, CSU

Long, Jennifer, Fac, Alternate, TRCC  
Picard, Ron, Fac, Alternate, NVCC  
Rajczewski, MaryBeth, Fac, ACC  
Richards, Barbara, Fac, HCC  
Sesanker, Colena, Fac, GWCC  
Shea, Michael, Fac, SCSU  
Stoloff, David, Fac, Alternate, ECSU  
Wilder, Linda, Admin Fac, COSC

**Absent:**

Breault, Benjamin, Admin Fac, Alternate, At-Large, MCC  
Brewer, Adam, Fac, non-voting, WCSU  
Grace, Sean, Alternate, SCSU  
Gustafson, Robin, Fac, Alternate, non-voting, WCSU

Kaufman, O. Brian, Alternate, QVCC  
Kunene, Nikki, Fac, ECSU  
Ruggiero, Christine, Fac, Alternate, MXCC  
Wilson, Marvin, Admin Fac, Alternate, SUOAF, CSU

**Guests:**

Faryniarz, Joseph, NVCC  
Heleen, Pamela, SO

Johnson, Mark  
Latour, Fred, CCSU

[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, Colena Sesanker, at 1:07 pm. Meeting is being recorded as required.
- Approval of Agenda – Motion to approve David Blitz; seconded; approved unanimously
- Approval of 03/19/21 Meeting Minutes – Motion to approve David Blitz, seconded; approved unanimously
- Approval of 04/09/21 Minutes – Motion to approve David Blitz, seconded; approved unanimously
- Vice-Chair Report –
  - Finance – Budget statement from BOR included HEERF I-III monies. A total of \$353M for all colleges/universities including students and institutions. Based on BOR PPT, funds already spent - \$148.9M, and \$209M are in planning stages. (These add up to \$357.9M so the BOR is, yet again, showing their inability to either do simple math, or put out any documents that are not riddled with errors.)
    - For CCCs \$84M – includes \$33M for lost revenue; \$41M for system/campus initiatives; \$10M for contingency
    - For CSUs – they are able to spend funding as needed
    - Bulk of CCC sys/campus initiative money would go to “Guided Pathways” for hiring advisors, side-stepping the proposed pilot at three community colleges. After two years, it is supposed (without further evidence, only a projection) that this would pay for itself based on increased student enrollment and retention per BOR
    - For some reason the Shared Services model was noted on this same PPT and it notes it will actually cost more money than what we had in the past.

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- Per Jen Long – CCET is working with PA12-40 to come up with a research model that faculty can work on because “co-requisite model” is not really “co-requisite” since supports are voluntary. And all of this should be pushed back to 2025.
- Right now about 250 people in Shared Services, by 2022 it is projected that there will be 369 people in Shared Services – mostly from EMSA (Enrollment Management & Student Affairs)
- David Blitz comments on Terrence Cheng – Faculty on the Advisory Committee for the search for CSCU president were favorable to Cheng as he had public higher education experience in the state, had been promoted from assistant to full professor, engaged in creative activity in his field, and was engaged with faculty during his interview; his views on Students First remain to be considered.
  - Conversation ensued
- Chair report –
  - ASA Committee and CCIC Committee – re ACME
    - CCIC made no reference to faculty commentary on ACME
      - Conversation did not engage in research and content from CCET/PA12-40 members
      - Vote was taken based on evidence that CSCC managers have not provided and which faculty have been unable to find in their own research.
    - At ASA student regent was not in support of ACME because of her experience, and she was concerned about funding. She asked for a roll call vote and voted against it.
    - Decisions being made using empty, glossy documents with graphs and scattered content that is not supported with any hard data and do not cite the sources of the data on which the graphs are based, including one created by this system
    - Structural inequities have increased as the number of black and brown students have increased in our system. We have been losing funding actually since 1987-88. How can we support these students as we continue to be underfunded? The racial issues that are inherent in how this is rolling out are problematic.
  - Report on FAC Conference
    - Had about 235 registrants
    - Well received
    - We were concerned since this was first time we held this conference virtually, but we received some very positive feedback
    - We thank the unions who all supported the conference. We received no financial support from the CSCU system this year.
  - Legislature
    - SB850 – training for regents and budget transparency – these should make it through the legislature
    - Introduce a progressive tax and get around spending cap – “Recovery for All”
- Campus reopening – nothing happening right now
  - David Blitz asked by Jane Gates to constitute a working group on re-opening
    - Consensus on requiring all faculty, staff, and students, except those with medical exemptions, to be vaccinated
    - Will submit a document regarding all of this to Jane Gates
    - Will focus on moral/ethical issues as well as medical issues
- HEERF revisited –

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- Lois Aime contacted Rep. Himes, Sen. Blumenthal, and Sen. Murphy to ask about legality of distribution of HEERF monies as is happening through the SO.
  - Have not received a response from anyone
- Should we not be able to determine how these funds should be spent at each of the colleges, not by SO?
- We will follow up on this process as it unfolds
- Latest Shared Governance Proposal from SO/BOR
  - HCC senate is being asked to vote on Shared Governance policy for system.
  - NVCC has not heard about this latest process
  - Just came to TXCC within the last couple of days – M. Stefanowicz coming to their 5/20 meeting where they will vote on this
  - NCC got document a week or so ago and will vote on resolution drafted by senate president on 5/18/21
- FAC/BOR joint meeting:
  - Not meeting on 6/24. Deferred based on now have new president, need to get some questions together and send them to SO to get answers by 6/04. Then David and Colena will meet with new president and joint meeting should take place in August.
  - “Why” questions reserved for later. Need to focus on the “what” questions right now
  - Conversation ensued with a review of possible questions to submit
  - Fran Coan moved to approve list of questions to be responded to by 6/04; seconded; approved unanimously
- FAC elections:
  - CCCs have mostly completed 1<sup>st</sup> series of elections at each college; universities and COSC have easier, single process and can be done in fall
- FAC meetings format for fall semester –
  - Executive order for public meetings during pandemic will expire around 7/20. After that must have a physical “point of origin” so public can attend. Committee can still attend virtually but need to publicize physical location as well as WebEx (or whatever virtual) link.
- Move to adjourn – David Blitz, seconded; approved unanimously

**Next Meetings: June 11, 2021  
July 09, 2021**

Submitted by,  
Lois Aimé