

Regular Meeting of the State of CT
Faculty Advisory Committee to the Board of Regents for Higher Education
Minutes
June 10, 2022 WebEx

Present:

Aime, Lois, Admin Fac, At-Large Rep, NCC
Blitz, David, Fac, Chair, CCSU
Coan, Francis, Fac, alternate, TXCC
Cunningham, Brendan, Fac, ECSU
Emanuel, Michael, Fac, alternate, NWCCC
Garcia-Bowen, Myrna, SUOAF (retired)
Goh, Bryan, Fac, alternate, MXCC
Jackson, Mark, Fac, Alternate, CCSU
Long, Jennifer, Fac, alternate, TRCC
Lumbantobing, Rotua. Fac, WCSU

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

Absent:

Andersen, Jonathan, Fac, alternate, QVCC
Dunne, Matthew, Fac, HCC
Farquharson, Patrice, Fac, COSC
Fisher, Mikey, alternate, SCSU

Gustafson, Robin, Fac, Alternate, non-voting, WCSU
Perfetto, Linda, Admin Fac, alternate, COSC
Trieu, Vu, SUOAF, CSU alternate

Guests:

Ball, Karlene
Blaszczynski, Andre
Gertner, Camela
Heleen, Pamela, SO

Maldonado, Ivelisse
Woolfrey, Barbara

- Meeting called to order by Chair Blitz, at 1:03 pm. Meeting is being recorded as required.
 - Approval of Agenda – Motion to approve – Fran Coan, seconded – approved unanimously
 - Approval of May 06 minutes – Motion to approve – Fran Coan, seconded – approved unanimously
- Co-Chair Universities Report –
 - BOR Finance Committee Report FY21-22 –
 - Total expenditures for CSUs and SO for CSUs = \$760.5M
 - Total for SO only = \$12.2M or 1.6%
 - Total expenditures for CCC and other areas breaks down as follows:
 - 12 CCCs and Other (SO for CCCs, Shared Svcs., CSCC) = \$527.8M
 - SO for CCCs = \$6.3M
 - Shared Services = \$22.7M
 - CSCC = \$14.2M
 - Total for Other Expenditures related to CCCs = \$43.2M or 8.185%
 - Community Colleges getting less total money and more of it being spent on “other” items
 - Grand total - \$1.3B – CSUs - \$760.5M = 58.5%; CCCs - \$527.8M = 40.6%; COSC - \$19.9M = 1.5%
 - The CCCs projected to increase spending in FY22 by \$5.1M or 1%. When asked if consolidation is supposed to be saving money, response was that the increase was due to replacing individuals who are retiring. (This response makes no sense whatsoever)

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- COSC will have a minor deficit which will be taken from reserves
- WCSU financial situation is a serious problem that is being studied
 - NCHEMS went to WCSU in October and prepared a report on the financial issues
 - WCSU had vote of No Confidence for President John Clark with understanding that BOR makes many of the decisions, however the President of the college bears the responsibility
- CC enrollment projected to increase by 2,000 students because of better advertising of PACT and, of course, Guided Pathways will increase enrollment and retention. As examples NVCC projected to increase enrollment by 10% and NCC projected increase by 9%
- COVID policy for fall 2022 – FAC needs to remind BOR that a policy is needed. Motion:
 - Resolved that the BOR review and revise its COVID policy, including a mandate for boosters, for fall 2022 in consultation with faculty and staff at all institutions and the FAC. Motion to approve: Fran Coan; seconded – approved unanimously
- Refugee policy – FAC resolution was expanded upon and was approved by the BOR ASA committee with a provision to track the individuals who take advantage of this.
- Co-Chair Community Colleges Report –
 - Last set of aligned curricula came to ASA and this is now complete. In addition, the CCIC has been disbanded because it has completed its mission.
 - Nothing has been considered about how viable it would be offer some specialized programs across the state, such as the Nuclear Engineering Technology program that is offered at TRCC. Of course that cannot be offered anywhere else because of the specific equipment and training required. And it cannot be offered online because it is a hands-on program that requires in-person training.
 - Comment – it appears they are finding ways to offer some of these programs across the system by pressing for more online classes. In addition some programs that have outside accreditation are being told to eliminate the outside accreditation and to align with the same programs at other colleges even when doing so will negatively impact the student population at that college.
 - Aviva Budd and David Jimenez are no longer on the BOR. They are governor appointees so Lamont will replace them. Anyone have any thoughts for recommendations for replacements?
 - The results in Tennessee of doing away with Developmental Ed and implementing co-requisites have shown that this does not lead to increased success or retention. When presented at ASA, it was suggested that the CT plan is more similar to that of California than Tennessee. Anyone aware of what is occurring in California? If not, need to do that research.
 - There will be no piloting of the replacements for Developmental Education because it would cause “equity” issues.
 - Gateway CC voted No Confidence in CEO W. Terry Brown. Examples of reasons: 30th anniversary celebrated while everyone actually grieving the loss of GCC as a college; faculty and staff feel disenfranchised and afraid to voice concerns. These are not unique to GCC in this environment.
 - Shared Governance award – How did it go? One concern is that it wasn’t well advertised; another concern is trust issue; only one submission, TRCC, so award given to them; The 2 BOR members (Bloom, Howery) appeared to want to meet more
- FAC fall 2022 conference – will come back to this next meeting
- Fran Coan has retired and will no longer be FAC rep for TXCC. Andre Blaszczyński will take over.
- Motion to adjourn made by Mike Shea, seconded; meeting adjourned at 2:44 pm

Next Meetings: July 15, 2022 & August 19, 2022; submitted by FAC Secretary, Lois Aimé