

Regular Meeting of the State of CT
Faculty Advisory Committee to the Board of Regents for Higher Education
Minutes
June 11, 2021, WebEx

Present:

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

Heleen, Pamela, SO

Johnson, Mark

[Voting Members: Aime, Lois, At-Large NCC; Blitz, David, CCSU; Farquharson, Patrice, COSC; Garcia-Bowen, Myrna, SUOAF CSU; Stoloff, David, ECSU; Raczewski, MaryBeth, ACC; Richards, Barbara, HCC; Sesanker, Colena, GCC; Shea, Mike, SCSU; Wilder, Linda, COSC]

- Meeting called to order by Chair, Colena Sesanker, at 2:05 pm. Meeting is being recorded as required.
- Approval of Agenda – Motion to approve David Blitz; seconded; approved unanimously
- Approval of 05/14/21 Meeting Minutes – Motion to approve Fran Coan, seconded; approved unanimously
- Vice-Chair Report –
 - BOR Finance Committee – The state appropriation to CSCU system increases \$356.5M to \$409M in FY22 and FY23 – an approximate 14% increase – among other things includes PACT and Guided Pathways; \$43M coming in to CSUs from additional HEERF monies; puts CSUs at net positive of \$22.1M; CCCs \$48.9M additional HEERF monies; additional state support of \$26.9M puts CCCs at net positive of \$6.4M; because of additional monies from HEERF and state BOR decided to accelerate implementation of Guided Pathways. Extended cost of GP is \$55M
 - Shared Services will come to \$53.1M; \$3M to CSUs; \$50.1M for CCCs Shared Services
 - 26.4M – HR, IT, Accounting, Payroll, Purchasing – CCCs
 - \$27.7M – Admissions, Enrollment Management, Guided Pathways, Registrar – CCCs
 - CSCC will cost \$9.4M – Executive, Academic Affairs, Regional
 - CSCU System Office - \$11M
 - Total money controlled centrally will be \$70.4M – more than budget of any CCC
 - Asked why they were accelerating GP with no data to show that it will actually pay for itself. Answer – it worked in other states
 - BOR ASA – Last month meeting – ACME is completely approved by BOR: SAC rep voted against ACME; At full BOR meeting both students voted against ACME. At each meeting the student rep asked for a roll call vote. Only negative votes at both meetings were cast by the students.

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- (vice chair attended for chair) BOR ASA meeting today – alignment proposals were approved for 32 programs with no discussion and a single motion; colleges who did not endorse these programs or did not vote weren't taken into account because they supposedly had representation on APRC.
 - There was discussion on the number (172) and kinds of advisors that needed to be hired for GP implementation; need to overcome resistance to these new advisors by faculty. This is being funded through HEERF money so how do these people get funded after the HEERF funding ends in two years?
 - CJ Task Force – determined no anti-racist content in CJ programs
 - Online programs update – need to look to national landscape to see how to move to fully online programs; Interim president has agreed to a taskforce on online learning and a system-wide online learning council
 - Lois Aime clarified that Norwalk CC has no representation on APRC; NCC curriculum committee also voted all these programs down; NVCC also has no one who actually represented the college on APRC, the individual was appointed, and the NVCC curriculum committee also voted this down
 - We are told that at least one full-time faculty member in the discipline is sitting on each of these curriculum alignment committees but they are not releasing any names of these people. It has been FOIAed three times with no response. This appears to be a legal issue that should be pursued.
- SLAs (Service Level Agreements) for EMSA (Enrollment Management and Student Affairs)
 - The areas affected no longer report to each colleges administration so the CEOs/Presidents have no control over what is done but they are responsible for the results.
- Update on joint meeting – sent questions to SO last month; expected answers by June 4th. We have asked to wait another month while end-of-year processes take place along with the fact of the new CSCU president taking over on July 2nd. The new president was cc'd on request.
- Legislature – Sean Bradbury sent out legislative summary; we could not even get the “study bill” passed: HB6403 (mergers and closings) again did not get to the floor for a vote; unemployment benefits for part-timers was out there but did not move forward – question on costs; bill on allowing FAC reps to vote at BOR meetings passed senate but did not get to house.
- Vaccine Workgroup
 - David B. asked to come up with a working group to answer questions posed by Interim President Jane Gates. Group met and responded to questions and wrote resolution. Met with Gates and others. Resolution wrote to mandate vaccines for faculty, staff, and students along with sub-contractors. Moral obligation to get vaccinated to protect all members. Unions need to endorse before faculty and staff can be mandated to get vaccinated. (Resolution attached) Vote by FAC to endorse then to ASA/HR BOR committees, then to BOR on 6/24 for vote. Motion to approve: Lois Aime; motion seconded; approved unanimously.
 - The EOC has come out and supported organizations telling their employees they need to be vaccinated.
- Campus Re-opening
 - Need to think about how we move forward – better balance between work/life; use this as a teachable moment
- FAC elections
 - Tunxis CC – Fran Coan was re-elected
 - Northwestern CC – Mike Emanuel will continue as rep

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- FAC bylaws
 - Further modifications necessary? Last revised in 2019 regarding CCC representation. Talk further about this in the fall. Fran Coan and Mike Shea volunteered to be part of this. Barbara Richards will be available for questions.
- Motion to adjourn – David Blitz; seconded; approved unanimous

Next Meetings:

July 09, 2021

August 20, 2021

September 10, 2021

Submitted by,
Lois Aimé