

State of Connecticut
Faculty Advisory Committee to the Board of Regents
December 11, 2015
39 Woodland St.
Hartford, Conn.

Present: Stephen Adair, Vice-Chair, Member, CCSU; T.J. Barber, Member, MCC; Bob Brown, Chair, Member, TxCC; Del Cummings, Member, NVCC; Greg DeSantis, Alternate, HCC; Myrna Garcia-Bowen, Alternate, CCSU; William Lugo, Member, ECSU; Patty O'Neill, Member, WCSU; Barbara Richards, Alternate, HCC; Mike Shea, Alternate, SCSU; Judy Wallace, Member, MxCC; Linda Wilder, Member, COSC; Patricia Zibluk, Member, SCSU.

Guests: Jay Brower, WCSU; Patrice Farquharson, COSC; Estela Lopez, Interim Provost, Board of Regents; Maura O'Connor, MCC; Alice Pritchard, Chief of Staff, Board of Regents; Lynn Roller, GWCC.

1. Meeting was convened at 2:03 PM.
2. Approval of minutes from November 2015 meeting. Tabled.
3. Announcements. Stephen Adair will appear December 14, 2015's edition of NPR's "Where We Live". Barbara Richards and Stephen Adair are scheduled to meet with President Ojakian. Bob Brown reported that President Ojakian has not yet responded to the FAC resolution on a proposal for a standing academic steering committee.
4. Election of officers. In January, the FAC will elect one chair, one vice-chair and one secretary. The statute creating the FAC mandates that the chair and vice-chair positions alternate between the CSUs and the CCs. The incoming chair for the year 2016 will be from a CSU and the vice-chair from a CC. Motion: Open nominations as of today, and keep them open until January's FAC meeting (Barber/Garcia-Bowen, unanimous). Nominations should be communicated to Bob Brown, chair. Greg DeSantis nominated Stephen Adair for chair; Myrna Garcia-Bowen nominated Barbara Richards for vice-chair; Barbara Richards nominated Greg DeSantis for secretary.
5. Outcome based financing. William Lugo and Barbara Richards, members of the Task Force Concerning Outcomes-based Financing (https://www.cga.ct.gov/HED/taskforce.asp?TF=20150716_Task%20Force%20Concerning%20Outcomes-Based%20Financing) reported on November's meeting. The consultants to this task force discussed possible metrics that could be used to determine the extent of funding for a particular institution. The proposed metrics for UConn differ from the proposed metrics for the CSUs, with graduation rate being the metric used for the CSUs. The consultants argued that the only substantive research being conducted by faculty in Connecticut was the research at UConn and Yale. Barbara Richards pointed out a number of negative

- unintended consequences of outcomes-based financing, including grade inflation, cheating, a culture of secrecy, and discrimination against urban campuses. One of the findings of the task force is that UConn, relative to other flagship institutions around the country, receives more funding from the state and the CCs, relative to other institutions, receives significantly less funding from the state.
6. Conference Planning. Greg DeSantis, chair of the ad hoc conference planning committee, has invitations out to a possible plenary speakers. The BOR will provide funding up to \$6000. Submission deadline has been moved from January 31 to February 19. The committee has proposed the creation of an award for an outstanding example of shared governance in the system given to an institution that exemplifies shared governance. Motion: the FAC endorses the ad hoc committee's amended proposal for this shared governance award (Shea/Barber, unanimous). President Ojakian will be notified of this award.
 7. Legislative update. Greg DeSantis reported that the financial aid task force is working on bettering the Governor's Scholarship awards. Sean Bradbury, the BOR's new Legislative Program Manager, will be invited to the next FAC meeting, at which point the FAC will ask for his assistance in setting up a meeting with the Higher Education and Workforce Development Committee.
 8. Community College Governance Assembly. Brown provided an update on the Governance Assembly. A chair, a vice-chair, and two recording secretaries have been elected. The Assembly met with President Ojakian earlier in the day.
 9. FAC section of BOR website. Bob Brown will send Estela Lopez an e-mail requesting space on the BOR site for the FAC.
 10. Other business. Regent Harris is drafting a response to the FAC's remarks at the December 3 Board of Regents meeting.
 11. Meeting adjourned at 4:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty O'Neill