

December 14, 2012
Minutes

Connecticut State Colleges and Universities Board of Regents (BOR) Faculty Advisory Committee (FAC)

Meeting convened Third Floor Conference Room, Connecticut Board of Regents, 61 Woodland St., Hartford, Conn.

Present: Chair Stephen Adair, Member, CCSU; Peter Bachiochi, Member, ECSU; Ilene Crawford (via phone), Member, SCSU; Vice Chair Tom Failla, Member, NCC; Catherine Hoyser, Member, Charter Oak; Nick Lefakis, Member, Asnuntuck; Patty O'Neill, Alternate, WCSU; Barbara Richards, Alternate, HCC; Mary Jean Thornton, Member, CCC.

Guests: Stephanie Battaglia, HCC, SAC; Rachel Batter, TRCC, SAC; Cecelia Cannavo, NCCC, SAC; Derrick Curry, CCC, SAC; Michael Fraser, WCSU, SAC; Braden Hosch, Director of Policy & Research and Interim Director of Academic and Student Affairs, CONNSCU; Kenneth Rotunno, HCC, SAC.

1. Meeting was called to order at 2:20 PM
2. Joint meeting with the Student Advisory Committee:
 - a. Relationship of both the SAC and the FAC to the Board of Regents, to the Academic and Student Affairs Subcommittee of the BOR, and to the Higher Education Legislative Committee.
 - b. Unique challenges faced by members of the SAC (acquiring institutional knowledge, relatively shorter duration memberships, etc)
3. Joint meeting between the FAC and the SAC adjourned.
4. FAC meeting convened in Room 323 at 3:12 PM.
5. Presidential Search. Stephen Adair was informed by Erin Fitzgerald that the FAC could appoint two members to the Systemwide Advisory Committee to the Regents Search Committee. The FAC unanimously elected Nick Lefakis (CC representative) and Patty O'Neill (CSU representative) to the Advisory Committee.
6. Meeting with ASA on 12/07/12. Stephen Adair, Lauren Donniger, Co-chair, TAP Steering Committee and Deb Weiss, Co-chair, TAP Steering Committee testified before the Academic and Student Affairs Subcommittee regarding TAP ratification by member institutions. The ASA recognizes that this ratification will proceed but that adoption of the TAP is not contingent on ratification. The

members of the FAC recognize that the TAP framework will have a greater impact on the CCs than on the CSUs.

7. The ASA and the conversion of the TAP Steering Committee into a standing committee. The following issues were raised:
 - a. Would the proposed standing committee possess sufficient discipline specific knowledge to oversee the work of the pathways committees? The curriculum committees of our member institutions are not discipline specific, and yet, curricular changes, innovations and improvements still manage to be enacted.
 - b. How are disputes arising in the pathways committees to be resolved without a standing system-wide committee? It was suggested that the Academic Council be made aware that a dispute resolution mechanism was being discussed by the FAC.

8. Election of members to the Faculty Advisory Committee. The following issues were discussed:
 - a. Review of decisions already made by the FAC about the election process
 - b. Possible groupings for Community College institutions. Possible groupings: large schools, medium schools, small schools; rural schools, urban schools, suburban schools; by regions of CSU institutions.
 - c. Motion: groupings of small, medium, and large CC institutions will be based on fulltime faculty count (Failla/Lefakis). Unanimous.
 - d. Discussion of election of SUOAF members.
 - e. A subcommittee of Bachiochi, Failla, and Richards will craft procedures for the election procedures for the three types of institutions. These will be reviewed by the FAC, and sent to the appropriate governance bodies at each of the institutions.

9. Status of BOR's strategic planning. The following issues were discussed:
 - a. The Strategic Planning Metrics Working Group is developing a set of indicator ratings for the five goals for the CONNSCU institutions identified by the BOR Strategic Planning Committee in September 2012.
 - b. Concern was voiced that the five goals will be treated as a strategic plan and used to make decisions about funding, thus ushering in performance based budget decisions.
 - c. The FAC (Adair and Failla, to be specific) will prepare a letter to be sent to Rene Lehrer, chair of the BOR's Strategic Planning Subcommittee expressing FAC concerns about overall strategic goals and the

relationship between those goals and the individual mission statements developed for the three types of institutions.

10. Meeting adjourned at 5:32 PM