

Regular Meeting of the State of Connecticut
Faculty Advisory Committee to the Board of Regents for Higher Education
February 22, 2019
61 Woodland St., Hartford, CT
Minutes

Present:

Del Cummings, FAC Chair, NVCC
William Lugo, FAC Vice-Chair, ECSU
Judy Wallace, Secretary, MxCC
Oluwole Owoye, Member, WCSU
Stephen Adair, Member, CCSU
Lois Aime, Admin, At-Large Rep, NCC
Myrna Garcia-Bowen, Member, SUOAF, CCSU
Barbara Richards, Member, HCC (Phone)
Mike Shea, Member, SCSU (Phone)
Robert Brown, Alternate, TxCC (Phone)

Guests:

Colena Sesanker

Meeting was called to order at 1:10 PM

1. Discussion/Revision/Approval of Agenda
Motion to approve (1st Wallace, 2nd Adair) Unanimous.
2. Discussion/Revision/Approval of Minutes
Motion to approve (1st Garcia-Bowen, 2nd Lugo) Unanimous.
Aime to make corrections to minutes and will send to Erin for posting.

3. Legislative Update
A. Beaudoin did not attend so a legislative update was not provided by her.

Stephen Adair provided an overview of the relevant bills (SB749, SB840, SB7118) currently under consideration. Discussion. Del will reach out to representatives from the Higher Education Committee to request a meeting with the FAC to discuss the current bills.

4. Community College general education update
Bob Brown is serving on the committee. Reported that campus representatives have reported out from their various constituents. The comment period ended on December 1, 2018. There was a lot of discussion regarding if the 21-credit general education core should include the FYE (CCS) course or not. A revised draft of the Gen Ed will be forthcoming.
5. CCIC Update
Stephen and Lois attended the last CCIC meeting and raised concerns regarding the lack of shared governance in the various processes that deal with Students First issues. requested that there be transparency with respect to the various committees associated with Students First. They requested that information such as committee charge, membership with titles, agendas and

minutes be posted on the website. They also requested that a faculty member be elected as co-chair of the Guided Pathways Task Force (GPTF). President Levinson agreed to have information posted before their next meeting which is in March.

6. DSS update (data warehouse)
Del reported that there was a meeting last week. There are issues regarding the projected cost. Things are on hold until this has been resolved.
7. Students First Petition and BOR Special Meeting on the Costs and Benefits of Students First
The petition and request for signatures has been circulated. There are over 1300 signatures to date. The petition will be sent to the BOR as well as other.
8. Students First Committees -Transparency
Lois has requested several times that information such as committee charge, membership with titles, agendas and minutes be posted on the website. The anticipated deadline for compliance is March 5, 2019.
9. Community College Representation Committee
Barbara and Stephen proposed changes to the existing bylaws improve FAC membership and communication. Discussion regarding their proposal ensued.
Motion to strike Article III – Officers Section C. (1st Lugo, 2nd Wallace) Unanimous
Motion to postpone vote on the Bylaws revision until the next FAC meeting but to continue discussion (1st Wallace, 2nd Garcia-Bowen).
10. 5th Annual Conference on Student Success and Shared Governance
Theme: *The Future of Higher Education in Connecticut*
CCSU: Friday April 5, 2019
The work of the committee is continuing. Jane Gates has provided significant funding for the event. Christopher Newfield will be the keynote speaker. The Shared Governance Award will be presented. Five students from around our system have been selected to participate in the Student Panel. There are currently over 200 registrants; the venue can accommodate close to 400. WCSU has been chosen as the venue for next year's conference.

Motion to adjourn (1st Garcia-Bowen, 2nd Owoye). Unanimous.
Meeting adjourned at 3:55PM

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Wallace, FAC Secretary