

Regular Meeting of the State of Connecticut  
Faculty Advisory Committee to the Board of Regents for Higher Education  
November 8, 2019  
61 Woodland St., Hartford, CT  
Minutes

Present:

Del Cummings, FAC Chair, NVCC  
William Lugo, FAC Vice-Chair, ECSU  
Judy Wallace, FAC Secretary, MxCC  
Oluwole Owoye, FAC Member, WCSU  
Stephen Adair, FAC Member, CCSU  
Lois Aime, FAC Admin, At-Large Rep, NCC  
Barbara Richards, FAC Member, HCC (Phone)  
Patrice Farquharson, FAC COSC (Phone)  
Mike Shea, Member, FAC SCSU (Phone)  
Susan Gentry, FAC, Alternate, TxCC  
Brian Kaufman, FAC Member, QVCC, (phone)  
Myrna Garcia-Bowen SUOAF, CSU

Guests:

Benjamin Breault, MCC  
David Blitz, CCSU  
Ron Picard, NVCC  
Francis Coan, TxCC  
Jennifer Long, TRCC  
Marybeth Rajczewski, ACC  
Colena Sesanker, GWCC  
David Stoloff ECSU  
Lauren Doninger, GWCC  
Paul Creech, CCC

Meeting was called to order at 1:03 PM

1. Introductions
2. Discussion/Revision/Approval of Agenda  
Motion to approve revised agenda with the addition of discussion of CEO Searches (1<sup>st</sup> Adair, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lugo)  
Unanimous.
3. Discussion/Revision/Approval of September 20, 2019 Minutes  
Motion to approve (1<sup>st</sup> Gentry, 2<sup>nd</sup> Owoye) Unanimous.
4. 2020 FAC Meetings Scheduled  
January 24  
February 21  
March 27  
April 17  
May 15  
June 12

July 17

August 28

September 18

October 16

November 20

December 11

The proposed meeting dates for 2020 will be posted on the BOR website. One-month advanced notice is required to change a meeting date.

Motion to approve the proposed FAC meeting dates for the 2020 year. (1<sup>st</sup> Garcia-Bowen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Shea) unanimous.

5. Location of BOR meetings

Discussion regarding the lack of attendance at the BOR meetings despite them being held at various campuses versus their historical location in Hartford. Pros and cons were discussed as well as the brainstorming of ideas to cultivate future attendance and participation before meetings. The FAC recommendation is for the meetings to continue to be held at the various campuses with a discussion period with the BOR prior to the scheduled meeting. Del will inform Regent Harris of this FAC recommendation.

6. Selection of the FAC Representative for the Task Force on College Transfer. Myrna Garcia-Bowen volunteered to serve. Thank you, Myrna.

7. Update – Community Colleges Program Review (pre and post-consolidation)

Stephen sent out the following documents entitled: *Addendum I: Process Including Proposed ICC, Recommendation Regarding Voice of the Faculty on Curricular Matters and General Transparency, and the CSCU Working Group Charge*. There was extensive discussion regarding all three documents, especially the one from Provost Gates. The roles of various committees and working groups (FAC, CCIC, SF ASA CC, Shared Governance Working Group) were discussed. A new Curriculum Committee will be formed, and the membership is yet to be determined. A flow chart including a campus review component will be developed. Membership for the Shared Governance Work Group will be expanded in January. Recommendation regarding the process for adding new members is to be discussed at the next CCIC meeting scheduled for Monday December 9, 2019. Del and Judy are both on the CCIC.

Additional concerns were raised over the proportion of elected versus appointed membership on major committees (e.g. SF ASA CC and CCIC). According to some on the FAC, you are not represented unless you elect your own representative. There was some consensus that a shared governance model was not followed.

Concerns regarding assessment were also raised.

The process for developing and approving the new general education core was discussed and served as an example of a flawed process and not consistent with a functional shared governance process. The pervasive rationale is that the new College does not yet exist and so the curriculum isn't ours. Concern over accreditation and how NECHE might interpret the lack of a meaningful governance process was discussed. Barbara Brittingham, current President of the Commission will be retiring and there was conversation as to what this might mean for our system moving forward. President Ojakian is scheduled to submit a report to NECHE April 2020.

A draft timeline was referenced on the CSCU Working Group Charge. According to Lois this was not shared until a few days ago. Nowhere on the timeline is the FAC mentioned.

8. System IT Update

Joe Tolisano, Chief Information Officer CSCU is updating IT security and standards to protect System data. The Board has authorized him to move forward to enhance System safety.

An RFP to explore other platform options is being developed and will go out soon. The System is not going to the next version of BB yet.

9. FAC Presentation to the BOR

Preparation of materials to be shared at the December 19 presentation to BOR are in progress. A focus for the December FAC meeting will be to prepare for our presentation.

10. Update regarding 2020 – 2021 FAC Elections

Elections were all completed on time and each campus will have one elected representative. This should allow for the sharing of more diverse perspectives and enhanced communication. A list of all elected representative will be shared.

11. 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Student Success and Shared Governance

Location: WCSU.

Date: Spring 2020

Theme: The Challenges to Public Higher Education in an Era of Globalization.

A call for proposals will be sent out very soon.

12. New Business – CEO Searches

Concerns regarding the reduced faculty membership and participation on these important searches.

A motion that Gentry will edit the resolution developed during today's FAC meeting regarding this process (Adair, Shea) unanimous.

13. A motion that this resolution will be sent to David Levinson, chair of the CCIC. (1<sup>st</sup> Gentry, 2<sup>nd</sup> Farquharson) unanimous.

Motion to adjourn (1<sup>st</sup> Lugo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Farquharson). Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 4:17 PM

Next meeting is on December 6, 2019 at 1:00

Respectfully submitted,  
Judy Wallace, FAC Secretary