

Student Advisory Committee

Agenda- Regular Meeting

Friday, November 30th, 2012 2pm

1st Floor Boardroom, 61 Woodland Street, Hartford, CT.

1.) Welcome and call to order: 2:17

2.) Roll Call:

Alex Tettey Jr., *Chair*- MCC

Michael Fraser, *Vice Chair*- WCSU

Elicia Barrow- CCC

Ethan Napolitano (alternate)- NECC

Shaun Bingham- QVCC

John C. Thomas- COSC

Nicole Williams- NVCC

Jay Henderson- WCSU

Symphany Joseph- GCC

Randy Cuartas- MSCC

Anne Hawthorn (alternate)- MCC

Guests:

Janette Hawkes

Eugene Bell

3.) Adoption of agenda: John C.Thomas makes a motion to adopt the agenda.EliciaBarrow seconds that motion. Motion to approve minutes: unanimous.

4.) Opening Remarks, Student Advisory Committee Vice-Chairman, Michael Fraser
Follow Robert Rules of Order.

5.) Board of Regents Academicand Student Affairs Committee:

Additions are made; little of it is student affairs orientated. Nothing overly/controversial to report.

6.) Bylaws committee

-Meeting was postponed twice. Eventually met. Went through feedback that was given by the SGA and integrated that into the bylaws. One of the reoccurring points that were spoken about was the election process. A lot of the information that was given back was focused on the election process.It has been suggested that SAC members set a meeting to decide on the voting process.

Suggestion that the election process go accordingly: separate the CC's, CSU's, and Charter Oak State College into 4 different sections and we would meet and elect a person to go through the final stages. It would be ill advised to try and pursue that with only three people. At the last meeting there was a lot of discussion of people being interested in participating in the making of the bylaws, but not many people gave feedback. Want to get these bylaws finished.

It was stated that, as long as the bylaws are amendable, we should get them done. Also, the election process is laid out for us by the legislation. Clarification on what exactly “rotating basis” is defined by.

The faculty advisory committee invited us to a joint meeting on December 14th. It was suggested that after that meeting we work on our by-laws then.

It was questioned whether or not, as stated in Article 4 sub-section a of the bylaws, if it is fair to appoint someone rather than elect them

7.) College Reports

-NVCC- Public Act-12 40: Piloting in Math and English classes this Spring. Math professors are beginning to look at approaches for remedial education. Students are concerned about the budget and budget formula.

GCC- Issues with online registration, had to do it twice, yet there were issues both times. Some students were booted out and lost the opportunity to get the classes that they needed. They decided to put together a week of caring so each club is going to have a box of some sort and they are going to give that box to a charity of their choice. Students worried about the budget Cuts. It’s looking as if it is going to hurt many students on financial aid and students in general. Many are worried that students will still be able to go to school, but will not be able to afford their books.

Shaun asked what online registration do you use? She answered Banner.

ECSU- Online registration issues. Students were kicked out of banner when trying to register. Developing a networking plan to address these issues. Dealing with budget- the SGA raised their Student Activities fee from \$90 to \$95 per semester. Need the extra funding to for clubs and their 7 club sports.

CCC- Budget issues. All students, including part time, have to pay a Student Activity fee starting next semester. Meeting with the Dean and President to talk about these matters. Received their First Annual Higher Education Excellence Award (published in Diversity Magazine). Many students like the online courses so; they placed more online classes to be taken. Career center has created videos that give information about specific jobs, rather than having to wait for hours to get an appointment. Began toy drives and clothes drives. Giving out gift cards to the books stores to the students when they attend the Halloween dance. Raising student activities fee.

Concerns as to why Capitol CC, in the past, did not have to charge their part time students a Student Activities fee. The funds collected from Student Activity fees are supposed to be used for the students and not going towards things outside student activities; they cannot be used for operating fees/funds).

NWCC- Biggest thing is extensive maintenance to one of our buildings. Had to move classes to other buildings due to a fumes issue. This semester there has been higher activity for the student clubs. Several new clubs being formed this semester, for instance, the Art club.

SCSU- Budget concerns. Had some issues with banner and wireless system. Participated in adopt a family (buying food and building boxes). Doing Friends of Rudolph to bring students from the surrounding areas to take a tour of the campus, take a picture with Santa, and take a toy home.

QCC- Had a change in faculty. President resigned and Dr. Robert Miller replaced him/her. Student issues- because of the transitioning of faculty and staff student feels that their professors and staff are not involved in student life. Learning center is packed because students feel professor do not care about the student academics as they used to. Willimantic and(?) campus, just had an IT department boost, but because so many students access the internet with their smart phones, the boost is not enough. We are participating in a talent show to raise money, a Walk for warmth, and Tags for Tots and Teens (choose a tag for a child in the area and buy them that gift). Great Endowment program. 65,000 thousand dollars raised from their golf tournament. I.T. dept. is saying student are still experiencing issues with student emails.

Charter Oak- Disarming facilities (makes them different?). School is starting to develop a mission statement. On the phone with financial guy they still have a budget of 12 million plus, yet budget cuts are still going to be an issue. 6% increase in tuition cost (not sure if that is a final number) Potential cuts may take place.

MXCC- Doing a giving tree toy drive and clothing drive for Clinton's social services. Bake Sale for the Women's build for Habitat for Humanity. They have a Meriden campus.

MCC- President Gena Glickman addressed faculty, staff, and students about the budget allocation formula and cuts that are possibly being made. MCC was paying a very inequitable amount and that has not officially changed.

WCSU- Vulnerability in Western Network- it was discovered by an employee. Vulnerability- there was a way to get into our storage network (with banner data as well) they only way to get into that is they had to be logged into their system. Reported it to the CIO and spoke with her staff member. CIO did not report it in writing to the president and system CIO, which is policy. So, she and her staff members (2 directors) were placed on administrative leave. The likelihood someone received any sort of data is incredibly unlikely. If there is a vulnerability you must report it. Credit protection to all 235,000 individuals whose information may have been tapped into. In regards to the budget issues, that is going to cost a lot of money. Student emails are working and student were able to register for classes without any problems.

9.) Information/Review Items

a.) CFO of the Board of Regents Bill Bowes came and spoke. Bill Bowes has been the CFO of the Board of Regents for nine months. He did not feel he has enough information as of today to make this a very productive discussion/conversation about tuition and fees. Stated that we are facing a financial situation that has serviced over the past few days.

Once they speak with the presidents they we deliver information back to us. The board is moving the meeting regarding finances and tuitions. By January they will have more in depth answers. Even with the raises to the presidents we saved money.

Also, the Governor stated that every state is facing deficit issues. CT is a little slower to recover because they got into the recession a little later. The state of the CT is facing a 365 million dollar deficit resulting in a 5% budget reduction for each institution. Each institution is putting forth a revised budget plan.

At CCC it has been said that student activities fees are going to be put forth to pay for the salaries of advisors. Bill Bowes concluded that student activity fees should not be used towards general operations.

Motion to move into recess at 3:47: Unanimous.

Chairman Tettey calls the meeting back to order at 4:09.

b.) Review of Mission Statements, Dr. BradenHosch

-Looking what is covered by the 17 colleges in their mission statements. He is hoping that we can accelerate through these processes to have a single mission statement for each CC, CSU, and Charter Oak. Ideally, the mission statements would fit under the Board's mission statement that has been developed and approved.

Mission statements are required for each institution to have through NEASC so, the three overarching mission statements wouldn't diminish the individual mission statement's value of each college/university.

It is decided that SAC members need to review these three mission statements and make adjustments and changes.

Suggested that we work from the three mission statements provided and then edit them and have three (Chairman Tettey suggests 6) people get together and type up the "new" mission statements.

Get everyone altogether and hash out the differences. Either we agree upon our differences, but if not send the Board the different mission statements and they will decide.

c.) Strategic Plan

In September the Board of Regents for Higher Education adopted a strategic plan. The Board of Regents came up with the following components: a vision for Connecticut; vision for ConnSCU; ConnSCU Mission and Goals) of a Strategic Plan for the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities (ConnSCU). These were developed by the Strategic Planning Committee and fashioned out what these three missions are:

Vision for Connecticut: A continually increasing share of Connecticut's population will

have a high quality post-secondary education that enables them to achieve their life and career goals and makes Connecticut a place of engaged, globally competitive communities

Our Vision for ConnSCU: Connecticut State Colleges and Universities will continually increase the number of students completing personally and professionally rewarding academic programs.

ConnSCU's Mission: Connecticut State Colleges and Universities provide affordable, innovative and rigorous programs in settings that permit an ever increasing number of students to achieve their personal and career goals as well as contribute to the economic growth of the state of Connecticut

-In addition the Strategic planning fashioned out the five ConnSCU's Goals:

- 1.) **A Successful First Year** – Increase the number of students who successfully complete a first year of college.
2. **Student Success** – Graduate more students with the knowledge and skills to achieve their life and career goals.
3. **Affordability and Sustainability** – Maximize access to higher education by making attendance affordable and our institutions financially sustainable.
4. **Innovation and Economic Growth** – Create educational environments that cultivate innovation and prepare students for successful careers in a fast changing world.
5. **Equity** – Eliminate achievement disparities among different ethnic/racial, economic, and gender groups.

d.) Public Act 1240

-This piece of legislation is frequently opposed on campuses.

-Three possible outcomes:

- 1.) Person or persons have met the college level requirement
- 2.) College level course with embedded support
- 3.) Extensive college readiness experience or one semester of remedial courses

-Will not reject anyone from attending a CC

John C. Thomas moves that the chair and vice chair confirm with Senator Beth Bye with the intent of amending that Charter Oak State College be an equal member of the student advisory committee, that they are too an equal member in the Student Advisory committee to serve as a Chairperson. Alex Tettey Jr. seconds that motion. Motion passes: unanimous.

John C. Thomas motions to adjourn the meeting at 5:39. Shaun Bingham seconds that motion. Motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 5:39.