Student Advisory Committee to the
Board of Regents for Higher Education
January 14, 2016
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Central Connecticut State University
Agenda – Special Meeting
Minutes –

I. Call to Order – 10:17
   a. Introduction to guest speaker President Ojakian, and his assistants; legislative advocate, Sean Bradbury and secretary.
   b. Roll Call:
      • ACC
      • CCC
      • COSC
      • CCSU
      • HCC
      • MCC
      • NCC
      • NVCC
      • NWCC
      • QVCC
      • SCSU- (Rep stepping down)
      • TRCC
      • TXCC
      • WCSU

II. Approval of Minutes from November meeting.
   a. Approved unanimously

III. Rep for SCSU announced that this is the last meeting of attendance questions regarding the election procedure for the now vacant position.
   • They should write a letter to the committee president Ojakian and Gordon
   • Make a vote of the members at the next meeting

IV. President Ojakian Presentation:
   From president acknowledged and thanked SCSU rep for service. Explain his initiatives that he would go forward with.
   • The cost of books he is meeting with bookstore vendors to discuss ways to save recognizing the expense to students.
   • Committed to a strong advocacy for students through stories
      a. You want stories of student funding challenges
      b. More access to Budget Office to respond and represent.
   • Promote schools
      a. Concern about the stigma of community colleges where people are ashamed of affiliation.
      b. Committed to school and institutional success as an advocate and leader.
         • We need to change the public perception.
            a. To see college as an investment.
            b. To see community colleges as economic development
c. He will use his relationships with legislature to make the consolidation really work and he wants to hear from students so that he can articulate student needs to state legislators.
   • On February 3rd through May 1st week the legislative session will take place
   a. they need to see us.
   b. Get a strategy going for how the SAC will approach 2017.
   c. Establish a process for getting students involved
   i. Go to fit into the state budget
   ii. work with elected leaders
   iii.
   iv. Put a face on community colleges and SAC through personal stories
   v. Tap into alumni of your school that start got their start from Community College impact
      of students that was dry for financial needs
      • President gave a brief overview of how this procedure is done with the governor making
         cuts and the legislature branch coming in and they will ask for those cuts to be put back
         we need to strategize by telling stories on the personal perspectives from the students.
      • **It was also suggested to create a database of student stories from all of the different
         schools so that the information can be shared.
      • ** it was suggested have a CSU day at Capital like husky day that is put on by University
         of Connecticut.

Oj response: funding may be an issue for transporting large amounts of students to the state
capital as University of Connecticut. It might be possible to use foundation funds for that
purpose right now legislature is very open to CCSU concerns
** comment attendance is important at legislative meetings lack of engagement by regions could
affect outcomes
** Comment: transform initiative (Developmental Services)

   • This is a line item that might be cut there is a misunderstanding about what transform
      initiative means a name change might be in order.

VII. Legislative Training Sessions Updates
Legislative advocacy Sean Bradbury was introduced. He is willing to do training on advocacy
covering issues such as the image number to budget number 3 representation his proposed date
to train is two weeks before the deadline which will be posted by February end. Block grant were
explained by his assistant. Based monies received by the state so it is important to keep this
money so that the balance is not made up with tuition and student fees. He suggested invite
legislators to event being held by the school he would like to do for regional trainings within the
next year.
** Comment suggested a video recorded lesson to be used and accessible by all
**comment refer to CGA website to find state representative because a lot of people do not
know who the representative is.

VIII. Important dates:
A flyer was passed out with the Craig comprehensive transit services analysis for Greater
Hartford area open houses scheduled. Student Advisory Committee bylaws passed out.

Continuation of Minutes: (finished by Linda Larkin)
XIII. By Laws Review
Minor revisions to the By Laws were proposed at a previous meeting. Prior to a vote on such changes, they must be included on the agenda and be available for open discussion. The revisions were voted on today and passed unanimously.

IX. Transportation
Gordon asked members to bring back information to their campus communities concerning CT Transit opportunities for reduced fare for students. Some but not all campuses are currently taking advantage of this program now which is partially funded by student’s activity fees. This makes sense for campuses located in close proximity to mass transit.

X. Upcoming Dates
Following, are the dates for the remainder of the 1516 SAC meetings:
March 4 at 61 Woodland Street
April 1 at NVCC
April 29 at 61 Woodland Street
June 23 at 61 Woodland Street
Following, are the remaining 1516 BOR meetings:
January 21 at 61 Woodland
March 15 at CCSU
April 7 at MxCC
May 10 at 61 Woodland
There are two events at CCSU to which students from other campuses are invited. For more information, please contact------(CCSU SAC rep)

Motion to adjourn at 12:25 – rep from CCSU seconded by rep from NVCC.