

**Student Advisory Committee to the  
Board of Regents for Higher Education  
January 24, 2014  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Boardroom (Room 311)  
61 Woodland St, Hartford, CT**

Minutes – Special Meeting

- I. Call to Order  
10:17 am
- II. Roll Call
  - a. COSC
  - b. MCC
  - c. TRCC
  - d. ACC
  - e. WCSU
  - f. CCSU
  - g. GCC
  - h. NCC
  - i. NVCC
  - j. NWCC
  - k. ECSU
  - l. SCSU
  - m. CCC
- III. Approval of Minutes (November 2013) –
  - a. Motion to approve the minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup>, discussion, passed unanimously.
- IV. Dr. Gray: Comments on Excel CT
  - a. Represents the board of regents – thanks the committee for what we do
  - b. Please become involved in the search for new college Presidents at campuses where there are openings
  - c. Looking at next year's budget – tuition
  - d. Excel CT
    - Bring 17 institutions and bring them into one system
    - We have a basic framework but actual planning still to take place
    - Plan to take our colleges into the next 25-50 years
    - Access – ensuring CT residents have access
      - 1. 96% of our students are CT residents
      - 2. We want to provide access regardless of socioeconomic conditions
    - Affordable – so we know what it will cost for our educutions
    - Unmatched quality
    - We will restructure how we deliver financial aid, purchasing, IT, HR, etd.

- CC will take on a significant workforce bent
  - Universities will continue to take on their specializations
  - IT upgrades
  - Charter Oak – a path toward the future
  - CC facilitate early college (High school Jr's and Sr's)
  - To be unveiled Feb 5 at Gov's State of the State
  - On Feb 6<sup>th</sup> we start putting the plan together
  - Needs to come back to the BOR by Sept or Oct.
  - Charter Oak – additional marketing and a separate building
  - Teacher training – for blackboard
  - We need a far reaching IT audit
  - Early college (dual enrollment) needs to be common among all community colleges
  - Universities could focus and deepen our signature programs – engineering at CCSU, ECSU Liberal Arts, SCSU Allied Health, WCSU Arts.
  - Teacher training needs to evolve
  - Funding – long term bonding for capital projects (maybe IT)
  - If we get operational dollars, we need to use it for new initiatives
  - We're coming up with a new model for funding
  - Excel CT will commit to longer term tuition rates for planning
  - Various entry points, Charter Oak, CC, State University. There is an access point for everyone.
  - People in the system should have priority in the system
  - All credits should transfer
  - Regents financial scholarships to keep our best and brightest here
  - Are we going to look at a system graduation rate? We have to establish matrixes
  - The frame will continue for years out
  - Working very closely with IBM and other corporations
  - Working with both large and small companies
  - We need to do a better job of publicizing our opportunities
  - Budgeting processes have to change for Community Colleges
  - Engender a sense of entrepreneurship at the CC's
- e. Discussion after Dr. Grey left
- Discussion about tuition increases
  - Discussion about advocacy (coming from the SGA, not he SAC)
  - Meeting at Central for SGA members (Feb 7<sup>th</sup> 11:00-1:00 pm)
  - CSU and CC have been looking at advocacy, perhaps we need to have a meeting before the meeting
  - New BOR chair questions

V. Updates from Sarah and Eugene

a. BOR Academic and Student Affairs Committee

- Due to UCONN harassment issue, the committee had to develop a plan of action for how we would handle it at their campuses

- Putting out a consolidated code of conduct for students
  - Prohibits what you cannot do include all students (ie, cyber bullying)
  - CCC will go to the schools soon
- b. Board of Regents meeting
- Spent most of the time talking about EXCEL CT
  - Discussed the Audits, everything came back clean
  - Some specifics were requested by the board

## VI. 2014 Student Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule

- a. Feb executive committee meeting TBD
- b. March 14, 2014
- c. April 11
- d. May 9
- e. June 13
- f. Aug 15
- g. Sept 12
- h. Oct 10
- i. Dec 12

Some of these meetings may change because of changes in the BOR schedule. They will be communicated in a timely fashion should changes occur.

## VII. Subcommittee Reports

- a. By-Laws
  - Will be meeting after this meeting
  - There's a lot on the docket
  - The election process is being brought up
  - If you have specific proposals, email the Chair
- b. Legislative Affairs
  - Discussing the section that relates to the formation of the SAC
  - Adding Charter Oak to the four years for chair positions
  - Amended during the meeting
  - Scratch the term staggering and go to a one year term approach for the CC (striking section E).
  - Elections no later than June and the terms start in June.
  - Striking the one year term approach
  - Changing from Chair and Vice Chair to Co-Chairs
  - We need to have a vote because the session starts in a week and a half.
  - Make a motion to include charter oak in the Chair process and the terms start and end June 1 to May 31.
  - All in favor with two abstentions
- c. Student Affairs
  - Will be meeting after this meeting
  - Working on blackboard (waitlist feature)
  - Working on snap benefits in the student lounges

- CT students for a dream – have a new legislative proposal
- Like to be able to solicit comments and feedback from the students

VIII. New Business

- a. None

IX. Announcements

- a. Possible February Special Meeting – we will know in the next week

X. Adjournment – Vote to adjourn taken at 12:08pm