Student Advisory Committee to the
Board of Regents for Higher Education
January 24, 2014
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
3rd 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, 2nd, 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, etc.
- 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 6th 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 (duel 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 7th 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
   - A mended 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