



**MINUTES**

**Student Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> 2022, @ 10:00am, WebEX**

**Attendance:**

<b>Asnuntuck CC</b>	Kimberly Shropshire	Rep.	Not Present
<b>Asnuntuck CC</b>	Samuel Fagerquist	Alt.	Present
<b>Capital CC</b>	Dumebi Emenyonu	Rep.	Present
<b>Gateway CC</b>	Alina Wheeler	Rep.	Not Present
<b>Housatonic CC</b>	Tommy McMichael	Rep.	Not Present
<b>Housatonic CC</b>	Djimpsy Gilles	Alt.	Not Present
<b>Manchester CC</b>	Maeve Hogan	Rep.	Not Present
<b>Middlesex CC</b>	Venishia Nakandala	Rep.	Present
<b>Naugatuck Valley CC</b>	Anaeli Rivera	Rep.	Present
<b>Northwestern CC</b>	Luis Sanchez	Rep.	Present
<b>Norwalk CC</b>	Jared Barrientos	Rep.	Not Present
<b>Norwalk CC</b>	Jessica Vargas	Alt.	Not Present
<b>Quinebaug Valley CC</b>	Fae Killingsmith	Rep.	Present
<b>Three Rivers CC</b>	Saphira Dorelus	Rep.	Not Present
<b>Tunxis CC</b>	Nick Hernandez	Rep.	Not Present
<b>CCSU</b>	Joshua Edson	Rep.	Not Present
<b>ECSU</b>	Oliver Driscoll	Rep.	Present
<b>SCSU</b>	Alexander Grant	Rep.	Present
<b>SCSU</b>	Kyle Thaxton	Alt.	Not Present
<b>WCSU</b>	Ezaan Khan	Rep.	Present
<b>WCSU</b>	Aakanksha Koppiseti	Alt.	Present
<b>Charter Oak</b>	Donna Wagoner	Rep.	Present

**Others Present:**

Angelo Simoni, Tanya Walters, Gordon Plouffe (MCC), Hyrum Merkley (TRCC), Michele R, Sherry Paquette, Holly Howery

### **Call to Order:**

- Meeting called to order at 10:01 by Angelo Simoni.

### **Approval of Previous Minutes:** N/A.

### **Informational Items:**

- The meeting is open to the public and is being recorded. It will be posted on the BOR website.
- Meeting agendas and minutes are posted on the BOR website.

### **Introduction:**

- Holly Howery gives an introduction and opens the floor to questions and concerns from students.

### **New Business:**

- Issues brought up on lack academic advisors at SCSU and of food insecurity at NWCC.
- Issue brought up of lack of funding for the 23-24 semesters.
- Finalized schedule was introduced, no further discussion
- Food insecurity was discussed further; Asnuntuck recommended institutions become members of the Connecticut Food Share program – and are serving 500 students a week for free.
- Textbook prices brought up, some/few amounts of textbooks aren't stocked in campus libraries – a more streamlined process for stocking and borrowing textbooks suggested to be worked on.

- Eastern talked about difficulty finding dispensers for feminine products to comply with Section 85. MCC provides menstrual products in all women's rooms and has many private donors. Compliance varies from campus to campus. Certain dispensers require payment of 25 to 75 cents which would not comply with the law, and make it inconvenient to use.
- Recreational spaces discussed. Certain institutions lack recreational space and opportunities for students. Institutions need to tackle this personally, as the SAC can not really help with space issues.
- The SAC needs to focus on an area that affects all 17 schools.
- Director of library services was recommended as a guest speaker for issues and ideas regarding textbooks and e-texts.
- Recommended that the SAC focus on the proposed budget deficits and figure out how to get additional funds for CSCU.
- QVCC brought up that it has no food vendor at all besides 4 vending machines.
- Mandate on menstrual products goes into effect July 1<sup>st</sup> 2023, and products MUST be free. Information must also be on each institution's website regarding location and availability.

### **Final Comments/Questions:**

- **The topic of no classes on election day was brought up again. More information will be given at the next meeting.**

### **Adjournment:**

Motion by *Hyrum Merkley* to adjourn the meeting.

Second: *Donna Wagoner*

*Meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.*