

**Board of Regents for Higher Education
Student Advisory Committee
March 23, 2018
10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Board Room, Ground Floor
61 Woodland Street, Hartford, CT**

Meeting Minutes – Regular Meeting

1. Call to order 10:01 am
2. Roll call

ACC|CCC|**C**CSU|GCC|HCC|MCC|NVCC|QVCC|**S**CSU|TRCC|TXCC|WCSU
3. Adoption of Agenda – Unanimous
4. Remarks from Mark Ojakian, CSCU President
 - Announcement of former SAC Chair, Holly Palmer, was appointed a six-year term as an official voting member of the Board of Regents.
 - How can the system office receive information from the students more efficiently? President Ojakian requesting for any feedback, ideas or thoughts.
 - Updated student representatives on the Substantive Change report submitted to NEASC. Anticipating a decision by the end of April.
 - Further discussed the financial importance of a consolidated system given that the Connecticut Fiscal situation continues to get worse
 - Student comments suggested that if the system office wants to receive information from the students they should do so by going live on social media as a direct tool of communication to the student. Also suggests that perhaps the CSCU system office could save money by selling books from the system office instead of on campus.
 - Student comments regarding continuing cuts affecting student's public transportation.
 - Student comments about issues in providing public transportation services to students that have disabilities that are having to pay out of pocket. President Ojakian will investigate further.
5. Remarks from Jane Gates, Provost and Senior VP of Academic and Student Affairs
 - Shared various amounts of information regarding the data and content within the Substantive Change document submitted to NEASC for approval.
 - Charged the SAC with the responsibility to find out how the students voice is going to be heard in the new structure. A possible state-wide student senate
 - Student comments requesting clarification regarding the state-wide student senate.

- Student comments requesting clarification about transferring credits under a new consolidated system. No issues of transferability
 - October 2018 for completion of Gen. Ed program.
 - Student asks if the student activity fee is going to be consolidated throughout the system or if its going to remain the same depending on what campus the student enrolls in.
 - The student government association details are not described or considered in the substantive change report.
 - Continued to ensure that TAP program will continue in the new consolidation and that student services will be untouched after the consolidation.
 - Confirmed that campuses will maintain their specialized programs at their campus and will remain accredited.
 - Student comments regarding library hours across the campuses after the implementation, will the library hours be the same throughout all the campuses? The Implementation Committee, Co-Chaired by Hector Navarro, will need to bring this as an agenda item to be discussed in detail.
6. Remarks from Lindsey Norton, Interim Assistant Director of the CSCU Student Success Center
- Provided a general description of Guided Pathways and a status update.
 - Requesting for student representative to volunteer for the Choice Architecture Group.
 - Student comments requesting to know how long the commitment for volunteering to Choice Architecture Group. For as long as the student can commit. Any student outside of the SGA and SAC can participate in the conversation and discussion.
 - Provided a brief detailed description of the Guided Pathways Focus Group
7. Remarks from Angelo Simoni, Executive Director for Student Relations and Compliance
- Provided an update on the Diversity and Inclusion Committee
 - If anyone is interested in serving in the committee they are instructed to reach out to him so that we can add the students to the distribution list to get them actively involved.
8. Remarks from Hector Navarro, Chair of the SAC
- Informed students of the opportunity to volunteer for the Academic Student Affairs Consolidation Committee meetings.
 - Informed students of the open positions for Secretary.
 - Informed students that the SAC is looking for any SAC representative interested in running for the SAC Chair and Vice Chair position for the following semester.
9. Unanimously decided to continue to meet at the system office.
10. Open discussion
- Questions and concerns regarding a consolidated state-wide SGA and student senate. Some students were interested in the idea of a larger student senate; however, other student representative did not favor the idea of a consolidated SAG or student senate. Several issues and concerns were discussed. Agreed to add this as an important item of discussion to our agenda for our next meeting so that we can discuss in further detail.
11. Adjourn at 11:27 am