

**Student Advisory Committee to the  
Board of Regents for Higher Education  
May 9, 2014  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Meeting Room 263  
61 Woodland Street, Hartford, CT**

Minutes – Regular Meeting

- I. Call to Order
  - a. 10:09
  - b. Call to quorum at 10:45
  
- II. Roll Call
  - a. NWCC
  - b. SCSU
  - c. WCSU
  - d. CCC
  - e. CCSU
  - f. TRCC
  - g. NCC
  - h. GCC
  - i. COSC
  - j. MCC
  - k. NVCC
  - l. ACC
  
- III. Approval of Minutes (January, March, April)
  - a. Minutes approval has been tabled because we do not have quorum  
As quorum has been established, we choose to table all minutes until next month  
Motion made by CCC with a friendly amendment to post them as soon as they are approved.
  - b. Agenda has been amended to include an open session as item VII by Western.
    - i. Agenda has been approved
  
- IV. CT Students for a Dream
  - a. We heard a presentation about CT Students for a Dream
    - i. Statewide organization
    - ii. Advocates for undocumented students
    - iii. Try to raise the concerns of undocumented students
    - iv. Undocumented students cannot apply for financial aid, CT Students for a Dream is putting forth a proposal for how to get undocumented students help in gaining college assistance
    - v. There are scholarships available but the lack of a social security number is a major impediment.

1. The Board of Regents points to a federal statute to say they don't have the power to make this change
  2. CT Students for a Dream argues it doesn't apply
  3. Board recommends they work through the legislature
  4. There are need based assessment forms that do not require SS number. MN and CA do it that way.
  5. Legislate changes take time and we are losing students
  6. There is opposition to the issue that we need to overcome. We should work with our schools to find students who will step up and share their stories.
- b. We are advising the board of regents that we are very supportive of this issue and we are working toward a full board resolution on the issue.
  - c. A motion has been made by MCC to support institutional aid as drafted by the bylaws committee for vote on during the next meeting, second by NVCC. Friendly Amendment by CCC that the bylaws committee work with CT Students for a Dream to draft a vote of support to bring back to the full board next month. Motion is amended to change that to the Student Affairs Committee.
  - d. The Friendly amendment has been changed to move this matter to the Student affairs committee to work with CT Students for a Dream for a final resolution for next month.
  - e. Motion passed unanimously.

## V. Subcommittee Reports

- a. By-Laws
  - i. We need to fill the co-chair position
  - ii. Elections process is on the agenda in June and approval in August
  - iii. There are some grammatical errors to fix
- b. Legislative Affairs
  - i. We did not accomplish any of our legislative goals this session
    1. We submitted our amendments too late
    2. We would have needed a public hearing
    3. We should start planning for next session now
    4. We need better communication and contacts
- c. Student Affairs
  - i. The head of the student affairs committee NVCC says good bye
  - ii. Student affairs would like the wait list questionnaire finished ASAP
  - iii. The waitlist is important to all students; please fill out the form ASAP, only three schools have turned it in.
  - iv. All schools should have the form filled out by the end of the month.
  - v. A member of the audience suggested there might be more to the questionnaire.
    1. We really only need to know yes or no, is it being used.
    2. The IT committee wants to be helpful and support its use but it needs to know if we are using it.
  - vi. CT Students for a Dream, they will work with them this month

- vii. Will work on a formal motion or resolution about hunger
- viii. Going forward they are working on a centralized email address or other forms of communication to connect us to students. (we need a formal proposal).
- ix. Move to honor NVCC as chair, seconded, passed. So honored.

VI. Board of Regents Updates

- a. Academic and Student affairs committee met and they approved a common calendar for 2015-2017. They are still working on common registration items.
- b. Student Regent with a consulting group meeting with the regents on the transform 2020 goal. We discussed the student's role in the process. What's important to the students, etc. They discussed how to get the student's feedback. There will be open forum's this fall for students.

VII. Open Floor Session

- a. MCC – there was a question about the involvement of the student regents. Why aren't the sitting regents advocating for their bills, etc. If we want to get bills moved, the SAC has a perception problem we need to work on.
- b. We don't have an old business item on the agenda and we need that to keep continuity.
- c. We have poor communication in general that we would like to change that in the new session. We need to update our communication lists (names, phones, email).
- d. We would like to see more members of the committee attend the Board of Regents meetings or subcommittees. We all need to step up.
- e. We should follow through and do what we say we are going to do.
- f. Each of us represents a college or university, we need to be seen as a unified board and get to know our faces. We need to represent our students and to do that we need to meet our students and get to know them.
- g. There are rep seats open that will not be filled until this fall.
- h. We should have more representation at the combined meetings and to do that, can we make it a more flexible time. 10:00 am on Thursday is almost impossible for students to make. Can we discuss with the BOR please.
- i. Schools are facing a deficit for next year already. We should touch base with our Presidents.

VIII. Adjournment

Adjourned at 11:56 am