

Board of Regents for Higher Education

Student Advisory Committee

June 9th, 2017 Minutes

Board Room, Ground Floor

61 Woodland Street, Hartford, CT

1. Meeting called to order: 10:01
2. Roll Call:
 - ACC
 - NCCC
 - MCC
 - MXCC
 - TXCC
 - COSC
 - CCC
 - NVCC
 - HCC
3. Approval of last month's minutes by TXCC seconded by ACC
4. Remarks from Chair:
 - Update from President Ojakian
 - Legislative Update from Sean Bradbury
 - Review Board Of Regents Report
 - Information on the Election Process
 - This is the last meeting of the 2016-2017 session of SAC, thank you for all your work!
 - General remarks: BOR pays attention when we expressed our need, they were met. They consider students the main priority and that is why showing up to every meeting is essential and being actively engaged is equally important.
5. Review of May BOR Report:
 - Preferred first name policy was enacted.
 - Security, library hours, and student services was acknowledged.
 - LGBTQ information was acknowledged.
 - Budget and how it will affect us and further information will be sent to Holly.
6. President Ojakian Update:
 - Thank you to Holly Palmer for all of her hard work and dedication to SAC and the BOR.
 - Thank you to student reps who served in the 2016-2017 session.

- Meeting in Maine for Students First Initiative discussed how to best put students first.
- Everything brought forward from SAC has been addressed by the BOR such as a new committee looking into the LGBTQ aspects of student life.
- There is currently no budget and there is a possibility of additional cuts beyond what the Governor has stated. If there is no budget at the end of June we will keep operating as we are.
- Committees will continue to meet for Student First Initiatives. These initiatives include working through the summer, with community college consolidation with Northwestern leading in many areas especially with accreditation. These plans will be enacted beginning of July 2019 with the primary focus of teaching, learning, and student services.
- What the BOR needs from SAC is to come together for the July meeting, take August off and prepare for classes starting again and consider the roles of Chair and Vice Chair and Secretary and what you may want to run for.
- If there are any questions, comments, or concerns please visit President Ojakian.

7. The Election Process:

- Review the by-laws and what they ask of the election and candidates.
- Certified members or members who have served as a representative can serve as elected officials.
- Holly will continue to serve as Chair until someone is elected.
- By writing a letter to President Ojakian expressing your intent to run or a Statement of Purpose explaining why and your qualifications.
- The election is done through a secret ballot and is done by one vote per school.
- Upon election the new Chair immediately takes over and run the remainder of the meeting and assuming other responsibilities of BOR.
- The same process is repeated for the Vice-Chair.
- Secretary position attends all SAC meetings and publishes the minutes.
- All Statements of Purpose for any of the three positions will be sent to President Ojakian or Alice.
- Holly will be available for any questions and concerns anyone may have or if they wish to have help with their letter.
- Nominee letters are due by July 14th at 11:59pm
- Holly will email further information to SAC members with further questions or interest.

8. Open Discussion:

- Tunxis student representative asked about campuses closing and is there anything we can do?

- Northwestern student representative discussed concern over major cuts to small community colleges that have already all they can, with discussion about closing campuses staff and students are scared of losing their jobs and services.
 - The students would like to have a commitment to them regarding how can we help our campuses and do what we can to avoid being closed.
 - Tunxis student representative discussed writing a letter to Hartford on our position regarding these budget cuts and created a separate committee with separate meeting date to write the letter.
 - Tunxis student representative motioned for committee for this letter, Charter student representative seconded motion, and motion carried.
 - June 23rd is planned as the special meeting at 10am, quorum is need.
9. Meeting adjourned at 12:00