

**Student Advisory Committee to the
Board of Regents for Higher Education
August 15, 2014
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Third Floor Boardroom
61 Woodland Street, Hartford, CT**

Agenda – Regular Meeting

- I. Call to Order – 10:09 am

- II. Roll Call
 - a. SCSU
 - b. GCC
 - c. WCSU
 - d. ECSU
 - e. CCSU
 - f. TXCC
 - g. MCC
 - h. NWCC
 - i. TRCC
 - j. ACC

- III. Approval of Minutes (July 2014)
 - a. Tabled until September because of lack of quorum

- IV. Joint Meeting with Transform Campus Liaisons
 - a. Reason for the meeting is to facilitate open communication and to gain further information and updates on Transform and the individual campus town hall planning.
 - b. Mike Kozlowski explained the role of the stakeholders and gave examples of the various people who were involved in the surveys
 - c. Do we have the financial backing for all these initiatives? 35 remaining initiatives is a lot.
 - i. Not yet. The new legislative session has not begun so we have only the initial start-up money. The BOR will hopefully be reallocating some unused funds from other areas to support the project too.
 - ii. 62 million dollars was requested last year and the BOR received a little less; they plan to request substantially more this year.
 - iii. The bond ask will be approximately 175 million dollars.
 - d. Will the ability for students to take credits across the system impact full-time status, and the number of credits required for completion at individual institutions?
 - i. Advising will be crucial for the process.
 - ii. They have not completely worked out all of those questions yet.

- iii. These changes will require much consultation.
- e. Dr. Gargano discussed advising as an issue in general. All campuses prepared reports and the statistics were not promising: 1 advisor per 200 students at the community colleges and 1 per 300 students at the universities. We need more to help steer undeclared students in the right direction, etc.
 - i. \$3.5 million special request for this issue.
- f. WCSU: is there a timeline and associated funding breakdown for each of the initiatives?
 - i. Timeline is in the process. 2 initiatives have been approved and will move to the BOR for a vote in December but funding has not yet been determined.
- g. It is important to collaborate with the business community.
- h. What are the liaisons doing?
 - i. Communicating between system and the campuses.
 - ii. Primarily working on town hall meetings.
- i. BOR will also be doing business town halls in spring.
- j. Explained the town hall structure and the individual campuses' options for set-up and agendas.
- k. Discussion ensued about the need for clearer structure/outline of the process or "hierarchy" of sorts for Transform and the accomplishment of initiatives.
- l. Dr. Gargano added that the FAC is creating an academic imperative to serve as a foundation/centerpoint for all of the Transform work.

V. SAC Business

- a. Chair explained that the SAC could not conduct any voting business and did not have quorum because only six campuses had verified representatives.
- b. Minutes, Subcommittee Work and Campus Tour Updates tabled until September
- c. By-laws Discussion
 - i. Tom Clark provided a legal opinion regarding proposed changes to the election procedures
 - ii. After some discussion, it was determined that it would be best to keep the existing by-laws until the processes have been utilized more than once.
 - iii. Legislative changes to the terms and term length will likely solve many of the issues these modifications attempted to address.
- d. CT Students for a Dream Resolution
 - i. Can not officially vote on this but want to verify which language is preferable
 - ii. Tunxis expressed disfavor for the resolution in general and asked that we not move forward
 - iii. Chair explained that this was already voted upon by the committee and previous representatives wanted to move forward with a resolution
 - iv. Discussion ensued about appropriateness of making a decision about the resolution without all campus representatives present
 - v. Chair responded that we need to move forward and that we will formally vote next month. We are already months overdue approving the resolution

- vi. NWCC noted preference for the first paragraph suggesting forms to the BOR that CT Students for a Dream already researched
- vii. ECSU indicated similar approval and echoed Chair's sentiments about attendance
- viii. Chair will revise resolution and vote will occur in September

VI. Announcements and Concerns

- a. SCSU Alternate thanked commitment for their service and announced that he would no longer be serving as alternate because he is commencing graduate work at CCSU.

VII. Adjournment 12:06 p.m.