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.