

**Student Advisory Committee to the  
Board of Regents for Higher Education  
October 9, 2015  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Ground Floor Boardroom  
61 Woodland Street, Hartford, CT**

Minutes – Regular Meeting

- I. Call to Order – 10:03
  - a. Revise agenda to include a presentation about accountability and a review of the mission of SAC. So revised.
  - b. Roll Call:
    - i. QVCC
    - ii. WCSU
    - iii. ACC
    - iv. SCSU
    - v. TXCC
    - vi. CCC
    - vii. NVCC
    - viii. MCC
    - ix. CSCU
    - x. NCC
    - xi. TRCC
    - xii. HCC
    - xiii. COSC
    - xiv. GCC
    - xv. NWCC
- II. Approval of Minutes (September 2015)
  - a. Approved unanimously
- III. Election of Secretary – Holly Palmer COSC elected unanimously
- IV. Bill Gammel Presentation
  - a. Director of Research for CSCU system office
  - b. Presented a report on accountability
  - c. About 3 out of 10 first time full time students at our CC graduated or transferred to a four year institution.
  - d. About 51.2 % of first time full time students graduate within 6 years for the CSU's.
  - e. About 1 in 5 CC students transfer without finishing their associates degree
  - f. We grant a lot of degrees to students in high demand careers on all levels.
  - g. The numbers are going up for the % of minority students at all school categories.
- V. SAC Overview
  - a. Our role is to advise the BOR
  - b. Our input is used to explain the student perspectives to the BOR.
  - c. At the SAC we look at system wide issues and solutions.

- d. We want to come from a place of positivity like highlighting success
  - e. Discussed ways to increase the visibility of the SAC on campus including student newsletters/newspapers.
- VI. By-laws Discussion
- a. We have to revise the by-laws for the following areas:
    - i. Change to the meeting dates from the Friday before the BOR meetings to sometime that month. That will still require us to meet regularly but will free us up on what day.
    - ii. Remove the language for the contingency from last legislative season. It's no longer needed.
    - iii. Add a provisional leadership clause that would basically provide us some remedy if we cannot elect leaders in July and the board calls for a special meeting over the summer (as happened this year).
    - iv. No significant conversation took place regarding objections to these changes.
- VII. Legislative Training Sessions Updates
- a. We are working on it. Key personnel have changed and we have to work with new people but it will happen later this fall.
- VIII. Important dates:
- a. Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.: Board of Regents Meeting and SAC Joint Presentation, Housatonic Community College, Bridgeport, CT
  - b. November 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.: SAC Meeting, 61 Woodland St, Hartford, CT
- IX. Questions/Concerns
- a. NVCC – budget cuts are really impacting students especially library and tutoring hours and there are more cuts coming this year.
  - b. CCSU - Professors are not happy with the collective bargaining process for their new contract. The state is asking for concessions that seem unreasonable. We need to keep an eye on the issue because of how it will impact students in the future.
  - c. NCC – Business degree is getting revised and there's some concern about that.
  - d. Several schools discussed honors programs (or the lack thereof).
  - e. GCC – Library hours on weekends are a problem.
  - f. TRCC – Tutoring is closed on weekends, a problem for students that work during the week.
  - g. WCSU is looking at raising student activity fees.
  - h. We should write something regarding library and tutoring hours with the BOR for presentation to the legislature for funding. More to come.
  - i. BOR proposing a system wide foundation. What do students think of that?
- X. Please bring back success stories to present to the BOR.
- XI. Adjournment – 11:46