



CONNECTICUT STATE COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Student Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Friday, October 12th, 2012

1. Welcome and Call to Order 5:20pm

2. Roll Call

Shaun Bingham QVCC

Mike Fraser WCSU, *Vice-chair*

Shawn McCabe ECSU

John Thomas Charter Oak

Nick Alaimo CCSU

Jay Henderson SCSU

Matthew R. Wilkinson TxCC

Symphany Joseph GCC

Kenneth Rotunno HCC

Manav Des Puri NCC

Ethan Napalitano NWCC

Guests:

Elicia Barrow CCC

Stephanie Battaglia

Rachel Batter TRCC

Anne Hawthorn

Alex Tettey Jr. MCC, *Chair*

Josh Quintana

3. Approval of Minutes - May 11th, 2012

Approved. Unanimous.

4. Opening Remarks, Student Advisory Committee Chairman, Alex Tettey Jr.

Welcome

Introduction of new members

Chairman Tettey spoke about the importance of structure, goals, and understanding of CT's system of Higher Education

5. Board of Regents Academic and Student Affairs Committee

- Program review and approval of new programs proposed by different schools.
- Searching for a candidate to work with academic officers to work with program approval and review processes. Currently handled by Braden Hosch.

6. Information/Review Items

a) Student Email Addresses

Many students have been unable to access their emails and many people have received feedback from students that email is very difficult to access.

Suggested to make it simple and easy to access the email account from your phone.

Blackboard mobile was discussed by Stephanie Battaglia, the ease of its use and the great accessibility it affords to students. It was clarified that not all ConnSCU institutions are utilizing Blackboard Learn (the platform that incorporates the mobile app), some are still on the older version of Blackboard, Blackboard Vista

For community colleges seems much easier instead of collecting all student e-mail addresses.

b) Legislative Update, Public Act 12-40

Dr. Elsa Nuñez telephone call for information:

Dr. Nuñez provided an outline of where our institutions are with regard to implementation of the bill.

Groups are trying to implement the law in a way that is fair to the students.

There are three levels of remediation. High, students in this group are very close to college level; medium, students that need a moderate amount of remediation (i.e. one class of remediation in either math or english); low, students that need more than one class of remediation in either math or english.

Four strategies are being implemented by four regional groups based upon the geographic distribution of the CSUS. An example of one group is ECSU, MCC, QVCC, and TRCC are

grouped together and implementing one approach to remediation. After a year or so the results of these approaches will be analyzed and the best approach will be adopted by the rest of the system.

Question: With the 4 reg strategies CSU's will take over each region and will the CC's have to go to CSU's for their education?

Answer: Absolutely not. The CSUs do not participate in the same level of remediation that the CCCs do. The CSUs are being included in the groups because there is hope that these students will eventually transfer into the CSUs.

Question: Is there a strategic plan for the implementation of these approaches?

Answer: Diagrams will be sent to Alex and Michael; they will then be forwarded to the rest of the SAC members.

Dr. Nuñez recommended that the SAC members speak to our Student Government and Academic officers so our colleges know how the law is being implemented.

Discussion: Why are CSU's stepping in for CC's? Are they going to take over? Dr. Nuñez said CSU's are there to support CCCs and students. It will help to make sure that all remediation efforts are in line with the previously passed Transfer and Articulation Policy.

High, medium and low and the four regional strategies are still confusing. There is hope that the diagram Dr. Nuñez will provide to the SAC will clarify this confusion.

With the 4 regions will the students be able to transfer into a different region than the one they are in? Remediation will transfer. The approaches may differ but they will all be subject to the Transfer and Articulation Policy passed by the BOR in the Spring of 2012.

Programs? Structure? How new? It is still in the beginning stages but the documents will provide the information for which we are looking.

7. Bylaws Committee

Motion to move further down the agenda until John arrives.

John Thomas states that the most updated document is not with us.

A brief review of the bylaws reveals several mistakes and inaccuracies. A suggestion was made to refer back to Bylaws committee for revision. By-law committee members wish to review the by-laws if a photocopy can be made so we can

Suggestion made to run meeting to go through by-laws line by line.

It was brought up that it would be difficult to understand the by-laws without the final document present.

Going over by-laws line by line

John Thomas has the final version and is reading out loud.

Council vs Committee. Committee is the correct word because it is named specifically and referred to as the Student Advisory Committee.

Attorneys have not seen these by-laws. The committee would like to approve the by-laws with SAC before it goes to an Attorney.

Motion made to end discussion and postpone until next meeting so members have time to review by-laws.

Discussion: Read line by line

Wants to “get it done” the next time we meet.

Set e-mail and set date to submit changes.

Show Student Government by-laws.

Motion made to wait until next meeting to work it out and make sure next meeting we have notes and changes and know the by-

laws.

For: 12

Against: 0

Abstained:1

Moved for a short recess at 6:50pm.

Rejoined at 7:13pm

8. Action Items

a) Approval of Future Meeting Dates and Locations

~ Stay in one central location or at different CSU's

~ Fridays but earlier

~ Being in Hartford and at an earlier time makes it easier for others to see us as a group and knows what we are doing.

~ Fridays at 2pm

~ Suggestion is to have the first Friday of every month.

~ Motion to have meetings Nov 2nd and 30th at 2pm at 61 Woodland Ave.

For: 9

Against: 0

Abstained: 4

~ Waiting to schedule December Meetings until we know when we are meeting with the BOR. Try and keep December 20th open.'

b) Date and Discussion Topics for Joint Meeting with the Board of Regents

~ Next BOR meetings October 18th and November 15th at 9:30am

~ Suggestion to talk to student body for questions and concerns to bring to BOR.

c) Board CFO wants to meet with SAC on November 30th about budget increases.

9. Old Business

a) Arming Campus Police

~ Campuses with sworn police officers.

~ Many exams have to be done to allow officers to carry weapons at school. The board also needs to agree that it is okay for this to happen on campus.

~ QVCC has no security on campus.

~ Armed officers make students feel safer on campus.

b) ConnSCU Listening Tour Update

~ Tour was well received by students. Made it to 12 institutions.

10. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn at 8:02pm