

**Student Advisory Committee to the
Board of Regents for Higher Education
November 14, 2014
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Room 123
39 Woodland Street, Hartford, CT**

Minutes – Regular Meeting

I. Call to Order – 1:02, 1:32 achieved Quorum

II. Roll Call

- a. COSC
- b. SCSU
- c. CCSU
- d. TRCC
- e. TCC
- f. WCSU
- g. ECSU
- h. HCC
- i. NVCC
- j. GCC
- k. MCC
- l. NWCC

III. Approval of Minutes (October)

TCC – have it noted that the representative from TCC opened the discussion on student activity fee. ECSU should be included in the role call

Motion to approve with amendment. WCSU moved, MCC seconded, all in favor.

IV. Legislative Change Resolution

- a. Motion to approve the resolution WCSU moved, TCC seconded. No discussion. One opposed, one abstained, all others in favor.

V. Student Activity Fee Resolution

- a. Concern about the last line in the resolution. Three Rivers has an agreement with a bus company and the SGA subsidizes bus scholarships are available, would the last line of the resolution prevent this subsidy?

- b. GCC has a language issue which CONNSCU should be changed to CSCU and instead of increase it should say change (allowing it to go up or down per the institution).
- c. Discussed the difference between may and shall when it comes to the right to make changes by the community colleges (in the last paragraph).
- d. Students should decide how student activity fees are handled, not us, we should strike the line that after President. Line was so stricken
- e. Motion to approve the student activity fee, MCC first, GCC second, all in favor.

VI. Discussion: Student Worker Background Checks

- a. Discussed the idea that the state may require student workers and background checks which is a new proposals
- b. Discussed where the funding is coming from
- c. Discussed different levels of security background checks
- d. This would impact next fiscal year
- e. Background checks came up in a general context, not related to a specific incident, but in general
- f. Would self-reporting help this from a student's application? Discussed how that information may not be validated.
- g. Discussed how credit checks might impact students who work in financial areas
- h. We need a more specific proposal like what are the tiers, what constitutes non-employable information, etc.
- i. Should all students have some level of background check.

VII. Announcements and Concerns

- a. Discussed the departure of the Provost last Monday. Will there be a temporary Provost appointed and if so when. Will we be able to participate? A member of our committee has been appointed to the search for the interim placement.
- b. It's a great disappointment that he's leaving especially as he was the point person for the transformation plan.
- c. HCC has questions about their President search, how will this impact them.
- d. There will be an additional 2 month wait before Transform is brought to the board of regents. There's some dissatisfaction by several teachers groups to the plan.
- e. We need to solicit feedback, how do we get more students involved?
- f. We need more information about the student roundtables. What happened at the round tables?
 - i. ECSU – a good turnout, most questions were answered, lots of questions about spending and the budget. We don't have the funding we need. Ultimately, it's so vague we need answers.
 - ii. MCC – pretty well attended, the vagueness was there. MCC was also concerned about security processes and background checks.
 - iii. GCC – questions about internships and adjuncts (faculty to adjunct ratio). In doing transform 2020 have they done some look at the labor costs and classroom sizes, etc.

- iv. This resolution is a hot mess, we need more information from the BOR and we need to work in concert. The FAC and SAC need more information so we can make smart comments.
- v. The faculty at some schools are very opposed, we should work with the faculties committee and the SAC on a joint resolution.
- vi. Can we have a joint meeting between the SAC and the FAC. The Chair is working on making a joint meeting happen to discuss transform.
- g. What if each primary because the expert in a couple of the initiatives (out of 36) so we can speak to the issues. We need to understand the problem. We need to know the ins and outs so we can help make changes.
- h. Statewide deficit will make it unlikely that we will receive additional funds.
- i. Should we consider a vote of no confidence?
 - i. We should study the idea of a vote of no confidence. This should be an individual student government process
 - ii. We should consider how little input we've had and how it's gone south as a result. They should be held accountable.
 - iii. Communication is the real problem. This could all be put to rest if they would communicate.
 - iv. We are students on campus who know what is going on. Most students on campus don't know what's going on. We need to look at why the faculty is moving in this direction and then once we understand we can vote.
- j. Are we going to address the subcommittee structure, yes it will be on the December agenda.

VIII. Adjournment 1:59 MCC, second TRCC.