

**Student Advisory Committee to the
Board of Regents for Higher Education
November 8, 2013
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
3rd Floor Boardroom (Room 311)
61 Woodland St, Hartford, CT**

Minutes – Regular Meeting

- I. Call to Order
12:30 pm because of quorum

- II. Roll Call
 - a) ACC
 - b) TRCC
 - c) CCSU
 - d) GCC
 - e) QVCC
 - f) COSC
 - g) NCCC
 - h) CCC
 - i) NCC
 - j) ECSU
 - k) GCC
 - l) SCSU
 - m) NVCC
 - n) WCSU
 - o) MCC

- III. Approval of Minutes (October 2013)
 - a. Passed pending changes to roll call

- IV. Review of Board of Regents Joint Meeting (October 17, 2013)
 - a. Discussed the note circulated about what went on at the last BOR meeting.
Reviewed and encouraged members of the committee to attend the BOR meeting.
 - b. We were well received and felt that open communication was established.
 - c. We will be attending the faculty meeting as well coming up.

- V. Introduction of Subcommittees
 - a. Representative/Alternate Assignments
 - i. Student Affairs
 - ii. Legislative Affairs
 - iii. By-Laws
 - b. Framing of Purpose

- i. Remember that we are an advisory committee. We are gathering information and presenting facts.
 - c. Break-out session: beginning primary focus topics
 - i. The groups broke out into sections and met to discuss how their committees will run. Committees are decided and co-chairs have been elected.
- VI. 2014 Student Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule
- a. We do not have a full meeting schedule yet because the board has not released their meetings. Friday, January 24th, 10-noon. Dr. Grey will be at that meeting. We really want everyone to be here on time. We will not be meeting in December, unless there is a special meeting. The executive committee will be meeting in December.
- VII. Overview of Legislative Advocacy Training Workshop (Coordinated by Manchester Community College)
- i. There are going to be times when we don't agree with everything the board chooses to do. But it's important that we maintain our positions as members. It is equally important that we communicate fairly and accurately to the student governments and they can do the advocacy they feel is necessary. Our student governments are the advocacy arm.
 - ii. In discussions, everyone should voice their opinions. We cannot voice an opinion unless everyone speaks up and carries the message.
 - iii. We should also look at holding advocacy awareness training at each of the campuses.
 - iv. Our role is to bring information between the board and the students.
 - v. Reviewed the IT committee meeting.
 - vi. In the past there was no plan. Today, there's a plan. Let's work on the plan. We are all on the same page.
 - vii. Meeting will be at 3:00 pm today.
- VIII. New Business
- a. The University of CT is considering not accepting as many credits from the community colleges as they do now. It's currently a proposal. They currently accept up to 90 credits; the new proposal would be 30 credits. The change would only affect incoming Freshmen at UCONN. This would not impact students transferring from our Colleges and Universities. Upon clarification, this issue does not seem as extreme as reported in the newspaper. Consensus is that we should wait to take a position on this issue.
 - b. We discussed the idea that we should go back to the idea that we should be giving school updates (2 minute updates).
 - c. Three Rivers discussed their new basketball program.
 - d. Manchester has been advising legislature on Pell grant issues.

- e. NVCC Freshmen have been having issues getting to their initial advising times. They are proposing that advisors make themselves more available.
- f. CCC provided session times for students to register over breakfast or lunch. Working well.
- g. At Three Rivers, they've been setting up in the hallways as well. That's working.
- h. Western, this should be the student's responsibility.
- i. Advising is critical to the community colleges
- j. Gateway is having an open town council meeting on Tuesday to meet about the budget shortfall and what will be cut.
- k. Athletics for the community colleges, cut for budget concerns. It's on the agenda of the student affairs committee here and at the board.
- l. Few healthy choices are available at the some of the community college cafeterias and they keep cutting times. There are health concerns at NVCC, CCC said they have the same issue, and QVCC's café hasn't even opened. Let's bring this to student legislatures and if we cannot make changes then we have to work through the board.
- m. A letter was sent out to the institutions that reported an operating deficit, so please go back to institutions and see if your school is going to be impacted.

IX. Announcements

- a. Meal plans and health services, course waitlists, the governor's scholarship program, and security were discussed with the BOR student affairs committee.
- b. The BOR is working with consulting firm on security
- c. Leadership summit coming up in January.
- d. Wed Nov 13 @ 2:00 pm there will be a hearing regarding some of the UCONN sexual assault allegations. Legislative office building in Hartford.
- e. There are two assigned voting places on the student advisory committee for the BOR. We are looking to get more seats on committees. We lost a seat on the IT committee but are not sure what happened there.

X. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn 2:31.