



MINUTES

Student Advisory Committee Meeting

Friday, December 9th, 2022, @ 10:00am, Webex

Attendance:

Asnuntuck CC	Kimberly Shropshire	Rep.	Present
Asnuntuck CC	Samuel Fagerquist	Alt.	Present
Capital CC	Dumebi Emenyonu	Rep.	Present
Gateway CC	Alina Wheeler	Rep.	Not Present
Housatonic CC	Tommy McMichael	Rep.	Not Present
Housatonic CC	Djimpsy Gilles	Alt.	Not Present
Manchester CC	Maeve Hogan	Rep.	Present
Middlesex CC	Venishia Nakandala	Rep.	Present
Naugatuck Valley CC	Anaeli Rivera	Rep.	Present
Northwestern CC	Luis Sanchez	Rep.	Present
Norwalk CC	Jared Barrientos	Rep.	Present
Norwalk CC	Jessica Vargas	Alt.	Present
Quinebaug Valley CC	Faith Killingsmith	Rep.	Not Present
Three Rivers CC	Saphira Dorelus	Rep.	Present
Tunxis CC	Nick Hernandez	Rep.	Not Present
CCSU	Joshua Edson	Rep.	Present
ECSU	Oliver Driscoll	Rep.	Present
SCSU	Alexander Grant	Rep.	Present
SCSU	Kyle Thaxton	Alt.	Present
WCSU	Aakanksha Koppiseti	Rep.	Present
Charter Oak	Donna Wagoner	Rep.	Present

Others Present:

Angelo Simoni, Tanya Walters, Saphira Dorelus

Call to Order:

Alex Grant called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

Approval of Previous Minutes: N/A.

Informational Items:

- The meeting is open to the public and is being recorded. It will be posted on the BOR website.
- Meeting agendas and minutes are posted on the BOR website.

Introduction:

- Alex Grant (Chair), Luis Sanchez (Vice Chair), and Oliver Driscoll (Secretary) give brief introductions.

New Business:

- Alex Grant brings up concern of having classes on election day and it being difficult for students to leave to go vote, (either skip classes to go vote or do not vote).
- Another concern was brought up about in-residence students not having proper information about absentee ballots.
- The idea that no classes should be held on election day was brought up and agreed upon.
- 2023-2024 Calendar of Universal Observances is shared with the committee.
- It is possibly too late for anything to be put into effect for the current observance list, and a standalone proposal could be considered on its own.
- Dumebi Emenyonu (CCC), clarifies that only classes should be shut down and the campuses should remain open.

- Discussion continues to the new law requiring institutions to provide women's hygiene products in bathrooms for free.

- Currently, each institution is handling funding for it on their own.
- The main costs are in dispensers for the product.
- Southern is doing test runs of only having product in the most used/popular bathrooms.
- Each student rep should go back to their respective SGA's and figure out what each institution is doing to comply with the law.

- The next agenda item that was discussed is for the SAC Spring schedule.
- There will be a meeting in January (TBD) to keep momentum into the spring semester.
- Reps will report back about what each institution is doing to follow the hygiene products law, and in addition Reps are encouraged to come up with and share a few tangible projects for the SAC to work on to provide a positive change to each institution.

- Community Colleges will have the opportunity to have representatives in the "Connecticut State" conglomerate - more to come on that.

- Community College Tuition Discussion is TBD – Angelo will send out more information when he receives it.

- Community College “Timely Care” program was discussed, a version of it is coming to State Universities. Having in person mental health professionals was also discussed.

- Brief discussion about food insecurity.

- Western’s financial issues were brought up and some concerns surrounding it.

- Issues with Community College transfer tickets were brought up. Certain classes required for the transfer ticket are only taught at 2 of the 12 schools, and they are taught in the traditional way, making it very difficult for most students to complete the transfer ticket requirements.

Final Comments/Questions:

- Once again SAC elections need to be done earlier (possible in spring for the upcoming year so the SAC committee can be done earlier.

Adjournment:

Motion by Dumebi Emenyonu (CCC) to adjourn the meeting.

Second: Jared Barrientos (NCC)

Meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.