

**BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION  
CT STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES (CSCU)  
Minutes of Student Advisory Committee Meeting  
Friday, February 11, 2022  
Conducted Via Remote Participation**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Julia Noriega called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

**REMARKS FROM PRESIDENT CHENG**

President Cheng welcomed each representative and alternate to the Student Advisory Committee and thanked them for their service to the Board. He introduced the recommended tuition and fee increase for the community colleges and discussed the decrease in enrollment in CT community colleges.

**REMARKS FROM KERRY KELLEY - CFO, CT STATE**

Dr. Kelley provided the following details for the tuition increase:

- Community College tuition and fees have been flat for three years.
- Tuition is proposed to increase from \$4476 to \$4700 (\$224 per year) for full time students
- Full time enrollment has dropped 34% since 2014
- \$2.8 million is going to be added to student financial aid
- CT is still the most affordable community college system in New England
- Revenue from tuition has dropped from 41% to 28% since 2018

SAC member Lorenzo Enderle asked if the cost of winter and summer classes go up with the tuition increase. Kerry Kelley said that credits will have an increased cost.

**REMARKS FROM STEVE McDOWELL - AVP, FINANCIAL AID SERVICES AND TITLE IV**

Mr. McDowell let the Committee know that 71% of aid-seeking students pay nothing for tuition and fees because of PACT, Pell, Roberta Willis or some combination of grants. An additional 11% have a portion covered, based on need. PACT alone accounts for nearly 25% of our current FTE enrollment. There is bipartisan support for increasing the maximum PELL grant.

Any questions about campus-specific or Foundation support for student expenses should be forwarded to Mr. McDowell to determine how they might be affected.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES - 11-5-2021**

Approval was tabled until the next meeting as a quorum was not present.

**COVID-19 UPDATE - ANGELO SIMONI**

- Expiration of the state mask mandate is expected on February 28<sup>th</sup>.
- CSCU is still evaluating options about continuation of masking.
- If cases continue to trend down, they will consider dropping the mask requirement; but for now, it remains in place.
- Most campus students are vaccinated.
- Weekly testing for non-vaccinated students is taken very seriously.

A question was asked about specific campus statistics for the covid-19 vaccine and Angelo responded that each campus has a COVID-19 coordinator.

**JOINT BOR/SAC MEETING - DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL TOPICS**

- Pam Heleen confirmed that we hope that the March SAC meeting will be a joint meeting with the BOR and that the joint meeting is a dialogue to hear and discuss student issues rather than moving on an action item.
- Angelo Simoni asked about topics of discussion for the meeting. Any thoughts about topics should be sent to Julia Noriega.

**OTHER**

A brief discussion took place about the statistics for the TimelyCare telehealth system. Angelo Simoni discussed how TimelyCare is widely underused throughout the system. In response to a question, he stated that the system receives no feedback about TimelyCare visits.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.*