

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

SAC Bylaws Subcommittee1

Thursday, July 19, 2012

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM, Vance Academic Hall, Room 106

Central Connecticut State University, 1615 Stanley Street, New Britain, CT

A Special Meeting of the Bylaws Subcommittee of the Student Advisory Committee (SAC) to the Board of Regents for Higher Education was held on Thursday, July 19, 2012, beginning at 6:00 p.m. and concluding at 9:00 p.m. in Room 106, Vance Academic Hall, Central Connecticut State University, 1615 Stanley Street, New Britain, CT 06050.

The minutes of the Special Meeting is listed below.

AGENDA

Call to Order – 6:31pm

- In attendance: Nick Alaimo, Shaun Bingham, John Thomas
- Absent: Kat Boushee, Krysten Gilbert
- Guest: Renee Benoit

Review of Bylaws draft to date

- All agreed to review and make changes simultaneously

Review and discussion of suggested changes

- It was suggested by Bingham that we strike “Student Advisory Committee” throughout and insert “Student Advisory Council” instead. It was unanimously to do so.
- It was noted by Thomas that Article II schools should be listed alphabetically
- Article III, Section 3. Discussion took place regarding methods of contacting SAC members. It was agreed to add “and/or telephone”.
- Article IV, Section 1. There were blank place holders regarding term start and finish dates. After much discussion about optimal time frames it was agreed that the SAC representative two-year terms would start on June 1 and conclude on May 31, with the inaugural SAC member terms ending on May 31, 2013.
- Article IV, Section 3. Thomas raised the question of why there was a need for two secretaries. After lengthy discussion, the consensus around the table was that there was no need and the position was stricken. Language now says “There shall be four officers of the Executive Board” and all reference to the “First” or “Second” secretary was changed to the single term “Secretary”.

- Article IV, Section 3, Part C. Describes the Secretary's duties. The subcommittee added the language "within five (5) business days" as the time frame by which the Secretary is obligated to make minutes available to the SAC and the public.
- Article IV, Section 3, Part D. Described the duties of the Parliamentarian. The Bylaws Committee felt strongly that this was an extraneous position and has removed it from the Bylaws. After much discussion, it was felt by all that the duties could, and should be, be handled by other sitting officers or representatives.
- Article IV, Section 4. Last sentence stricken due to redundancy.
- Article V, Section 1. Changed to be consistent with the number of officers (4) throughout. The reference to "Articles of Incorporation" was stricken.
- Article V, Section 3. Changed wording from "accessible to all *students*" to "accessible to *the public*".
- Article V, Section 4. The Bylaws Committee felt there was ample framework to guide subcommittee chair selection and struck the final sentence of this section.

Incorporation of final changes into draft

- The suggested changes were unanimously agreed to and incorporated.

Agreement on final draft for adoption vote submission to SAC

- The final draft has been agreed to by the Bylaws Committee and is presented for vote. The Bylaws Committee strongly advocates for the adoption of this final draft.

Adjourn – 8:29pm