

Student Advisory Committee
Agenda-Special Meeting
Friday, June 21, 2013 - 1:00-3:00 pm
20 Church Street, Room S109, Gateway Community College, New Haven CT

1. Welcome and Call to Order
 - a. Meeting called to order by Eugene Bell at 1:00 pm
2. Roll Call
 - a. Linda Ladden – NVCC
 - b. Kathlyn Santanna – WCSU
 - c. Ashley Bullard – ECSU
 - d. James (Jay) Henderson – WCSU
 - e. Shaun Bingham – QVCC
 - f. Olga Anastos – NCC
 - g. Holly Palmer – COSC
 - h. Eugene Bell – GWCC
 - i. Randy Cuartas – MXCC
 - j. Alexander Lee – CCSU
 - k. Josh Quintana – MCC
3. Adoption of Agenda
 - a. So adopted as written

4. By Laws

Tom Clark, Asst. Council BOR was invited to the table to discuss by-laws. He reported that the By-laws need to be in keeping with the statute and that it was the opinion of Ernestine Yuille Weaver, Council for the Board of Regents that since the term of office for the SAC was not outlined in the state statute, that the SAC had to follow a previous statute outlining that the term of office shall be October 1-Sept. 30. Students discussed how this impacted the current delegates including delegates recently elected to fill out terms (as opposed to starting new terms).

Following Mr. Clark's report and discussion about the Bylaws, Alex Tettey Jr. joined the meeting claiming to be the MCC rep. Mr. Quintana stepped aside and Mr. Tettey sat at the table in his stead.

Students then discussed the lack of Vice Chair currently and the impact on BOR meetings (1 less vote).

5. A motion to amend the agenda to elect an interim chair, moved by QVCC
 - i. Discussed whether the term interim is appropriate
 - ii. Motion withdrawn by QVCC
6. A motion to amend the agenda to elect a chair, moved by COSC, Seconded by MXCC
 - i. Discussion, should it be Chair or Vice Chair
 - ii. Amend the amendment to read Vice Chair by Eastern, seconded by QVCC

- iii. Question Called, 4 in favor, 7 opposed, 0 abstained, question failed
- 7. NVCC makes a motion to hold meetings in both July and August to discuss by laws and chair election, seconded by MCC
 - i. Motion passed, 9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained
- 8. GWCC requested that a motion be made to hold the meetings on the second Friday in July but then to continue holding meetings on the first Friday of every month. Seconded by MXCC.
 - i. Discussion about conflicts with those proposed dates
 - ii. Motion withdrawn
 - b. Motion to hold the meetings on the second Friday of every month
 - i. Motion passed, 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstained
 - c. Return to By-laws discussion with Tom Clark
 - d. By-laws are presented in markup form for discussion
 - e. By-laws should be as brief as possible
 - f. We are created by the legislature, not the BOR
 - g. We need to be consistent in our words throughout the by-laws
 - h. We need to be careful not to be too aggressive in our advocacy
 - i. A student in good standing means good standing in how the school defines it. Additional requirements should not be imposed
 - j. Election process needs more work
 - k. Removal of officers does not need to be included in by-laws
- 9. Election Process for Chair and Vice Chair
 - a. Deferred to next meeting
- 10. Adjourn
 - a. Mr. Tettey announced that Senator Blumenthal is seeking students affected by the cuts to Financial Aid speak at t après conference on Monday at 10am at either the Capital or MCC. If interested, students are to speak to him.
 - b. QVCC made a motion to adjourn, seconded by MXCC.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Holly Palmer

Date