

**BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
CT STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES (CSCU)
Minutes of Student Advisory Committee Meeting
Friday, September 17, 2021
Conducted Via Remote Participation**

Asnuntuck CC	Kimberly Shropshire	Rep	Not Present
Asnuntuck CC	Claudia Cupe	Alternate	Present
Capital CC	Cinthia Zuniga	Rep	Not Present
Gateway CC	(no rep formally appointed)		
Housatonic CC	Jocelyn Eagle	Rep	Present
Manchester CC	Eliot Ryan	Rep	Present
Middlesex CC	Julia Noriega	Rep	Present
Naugatuck Valley CC	Will Herens	Rep	Present
Naugatuck Valley CC	Hailey Moran	Alternate	Present
Northwestern CC	Ruby Derefaka	Rep	Not Present
Norwalk CC	Angenee Spencer	Rep	Not Present
Norwalk CC	Jacelyn Lopez	Alternate	Present
Quinebaug Valley CC	Kamila Correa	Rep	Not Present
Three Rivers CC	Lorenzo Enderle	Rep	Present
Tunxis CC	Nelson Rivera	Rep	Present
CCSU	(no rep formally appointed)		
ECSU	Samantha St. John	Rep	Present
SCSU	Brandon Iovine	Rep	Present
SCSU	Alex Grant	Alternate	Not Present
WCSU	Patrick Moody	Rep	Present
WCSU	Clinton Sosna	Alternate	Not Present
COSC	(no rep formally appointed)		

Others Present:

Angelo Simoni, CSCU Exec. Director for Student Relations, Student Advisory Committee Advisor
Pam Heleen, Associate Secretary of the Board of Regents (recorder)
Kelli Parady, CCSU Student
Karen Blake, Director of Student Activities, Naugatuck Valley Community College
Andrew Wetmore, Director of Student Activities, Northwestern CT Community College
Dana Normandie, President of Student Government Association, Quinebaug Valley CC

CALL TO ORDER

Angelo Simoni called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. Following roll call, Pam Heleen declared a quorum present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Jocelyn Eagle (HCC), seconded by Hailey Moran (NVCC), the agenda was adopted as presented.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Angelo Simoni noted that as votes are taken on action items, only the appointed representative can cast a vote. The alternate can only vote if the representative is not present.
- 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.
- Meetings have been moved back to Fridays at 10:00 a.m. The SAC meets in the months when the BOR meets.
 - Up-to-date meeting schedules appear on the BOR website. Remaining SAC meeting dates for 2021 are October 1 (Special Meeting for Elections), October 15, December 10
 - 2022 calendar is in development.

ELECTIONS

- This year, the SAC will elect a Chair from among the Community Colleges/Charter Oak and a Vice Chair from among the Universities. The SAC Secretary can be from any of the 17 institutions.
- Statements of “Intent to Run” must be submitted to Angelo Simoni by close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Monday, September 27. At the beginning of the October 1 meeting, candidates will be expected to provide a campaign speech (overview of why you should be selected).
- Voting will be held via WebEx confidentially after all speeches are completed. Successful candidates will be appointed at the end of that meeting.
- Chair and Vice Chair are unpaid positions. In addition to convening the SAC meetings and prepare their agendas, the Chair and Vice Chair are voting members of the Board of Regents. They must be able to attend the monthly Thursday BOR meetings (approx. 10 - noon) and their assigned BOR Committee meetings.
- BOR meetings and BOR Committee meetings will be going to a blended in-person/virtual model beginning in September.
- The SAC Chair and Vice Chair are the student voices of all 17 CSU institutions.
- In addition to the monthly BOR meetings, the Chair and Vice Chair will be assigned to a Board Committee, historically the Finance Committee and the Academic & Student Affairs Committee.
- The officially designated rep from each institution can run for these offices, not the alternates. Each campus SGA designates how these individuals are elected/appointed.
- Angelo Simoni provided a cautionary note about these responsibilities not interfering with academic studies. Optional opportunities to participate in other CSU committees may come up but maintaining “good standing” as a matriculated student is the priority.
- There are a lot of positives associated with the Chair and Vice Chair position. There is close interaction with our Regents, President Cheng, CSU System Office leadership, and leadership at the community colleges and universities. Holly Howery who was the Chair of the SAC is now a Regent of the BOR and will meet regularly with the SAC to counsel, mentor and support. It is a great opportunity to add to a resume.
- Some ideas for engagement this year might include mental health, advising and counseling, returning during a pandemic, and campus safety.
- Secretary of the SAC is the “keeper of the record” - documenting and posting the agenda, taking roll call and minutes, posting recording and minutes, as well as tracking issues for follow-up.

FINAL QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

- The final report of the SAC from academic year 2020-2021 is available on the BOR website in the June agenda packet, as well as the meeting minutes. The meeting was recorded for anyone wishing to review it.
- If an institution doesn't have an alternate selected/appointed yet, the institution's Director of Student Activities or Dean of Students should notify Angelo Simoni when the person is identified so that membership may be updated.
- If anyone would like to request a specific speaker for a meeting, please let Angelo Simoni know so that arrangements can be made. President Cheng is planning to attend the October meeting to welcome the SAC.
- SAC meetings will remain virtual for students but will provide a location if a member of the public requires a site to view the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.