

**Student Advisory Committee to the
Board of Regents for Higher Education
September 12, 2014
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Third Floor Boardroom
61 Woodland Street, Hartford, CT**

Minutes – Regular Meeting

- I. Call to Order – 10:07

- II. Roll Call
 - a. SCSU
 - b. GCC
 - c. ECSU
 - d. NWCC
 - e. NCC
 - f. ACC
 - g. COSC
 - h. CCC
 - i. HCC
 - j. TRCC

- III. Approval of Minutes (June, August)
 - a. We do not have quorum

- IV. Connecticut Students for a Dream Resolution (See attached)
 - a. We do not have quorum

- V. SAC Structure – Overview
 - a. Every Friday prior to the BOR meetings
 - b. Our meetings are always on Friday at the 61 Woodland Street location
 - c. We try to keep our meetings to 2 hours.
 - d. Our by-laws keep us running and we will forward them to newcomers
 - e. We have a Chair and Vice Chair
 - f. We have SAC members and alternates
 - i. Alternates vote only when the member is unavaiable
 - g. We have three subcommittees (bylaws, legislative, student affairs)
 - i. Members are appointed by Chair and Vice Chair
 - h. We are a subset of the Board of Regents, Chair and Vice Chair sit on the Board of Regents
 - i. We meet at least 8 times a year

- VI. Subcommittee Breakout

- a. We do not have quorum

VII. Discussion: Topics for Joint Meeting with the BOR

- a. Discussed what the BOR meeting means to the SAC
- b. We are meeting in October (16th) at MCC at 10:00 am
- c. Town Halls – all of the Town Hall meetings about Transform will have occurred.
 - i. Transform will bring change to all of our campuses.
 - ii. IT/Enrollment/Finances are issues being worked on
 - iii. Dr. Grey was at ECSU yesterday for town hall, they discussed the plans, there was really great insight, lots of faculty were there.
 - iv. They are encouraging every campus to have a student round table after the town hall meeting.
- d. NWCC – there aren't issues at this point that students are passionate about
- e. Gateway – lack of tutors available for specific subjects, disparity in pricing for 4 credit lab courses (science lab vs. Art lab).
- f. COSC – We are concerned about the temporary funding the legislature provided last year to off-set tuition. We need more permanent funding sources.
- g. Regent scholarship program – moving forward within the next year for awards given to students who progress from CC's to State Universities within the system
 - i. Tie in brought up for undocumented students
- h. Some of the things students brought forward
 - i. Security (over the last several years)
 - ii. Technology all being housed in location – with all 17 colleges opening up registration at the same time, are we capable of meeting those needs
 - iii. Common Calendar
 - iv. Activity fee for community colleges (all 12 need to be done at the same time)
 - v. Student governments found it difficult to advocate for the schools (funding) with the legislature because they have difficulty getting accurate financial information from the schools
 - vi. Students have been complaining about lack of student services staff
- i. Better communication with students about transform, students seem somewhat out of the loop.
- j. Mental health and health services at the community colleges (support services for students).
- k. ACC – Is it going to affect me (transform)? And what's it going to do to the finances.
- l. COSC – Legislative changes that impact COSC (we need to work on the resolution)

VIII. Announcements and Concerns

- a. At our next meeting we have individuals coming from the higher ed committee at the legislator. They will be talking about priorities. It would be really great if everyone brought students with them for the next meeting. We would like our student needs met and it's important to get students in the room.

- b. We sent out a SAC responsibility list that includes going to the BOR meetings. This is very important. If we are going to be taken seriously, we need to show up. It's very important that we attend the joint meeting next month. Very key!
- c. There are several 'members' who are not certified. It is important you check in with your advisers/dean to make sure you are properly certified. The majority of members are not certified and therefore they cannot vote or establish quorum.
- d. Is there a better way to handle student certification? We need to work with Tom Clark on that, there might be a legislative change necessary.

IX. Adjournment – 10:53