

**Board of Regents for Higher Education  
Student Advisory Committee  
December 08, 2017  
10:00 am – 12:00 pm  
Board Room, Ground Floor  
61 Woodland Street, Hartford, CT**

Meeting Minutes – Regular Meeting

1. Call to order 10:05 am
2. Roll call  

COSC|HCC|TRCC|QVCC|**SCSU**|**WCSU**|GCC|TXCC|**CCSU**|NVCC|ACC|MCC|NWCC
3. Adoption of Agenda – Unanimous
4. Remarks from CSCU President Mark E. Ojakian
  - Provided brief report of the financial status of CSCU
  - Answered students concerns on budget and the Student’s First proposal.
  - Ensured that students services will not be affected, and that tuition and fees are not raised with the Students First initiative.
  - Provided the SAC information from the Finance and Infrastructure Committee referencing a report of cost assuming no action versus implementing Students First. Further elaborated that if the Student’s First initiative is not implemented within two years all reserves may be depleted and tuition costs for students could double or even triple in cost.
5. Remarks from Faculty member, Matt Duane.
  - Interested in the available position of Faculty Advisor to the Student Advisory Committee.

- Dedicated professor who also works with the Student Senate in Housatonic as their Faculty Advisor.
- Indicated that he would use his role to simply advise the Student Advisory Committee
- As the Student Senate advisor he indicated that he provides impartial and neutral feedback and never imposes his ideas or agenda. He feels that Faculty should be “hands off” in student affairs.
- SAC Representative from Housatonic also provided a positive personal recommendation of the Faculty member.

6. Action Item: Discuss SAC amendments to bylaws under Article VI for SAC Faculty Advisor

- Tunxis voted to create an Ad-Hoc bylaw committee in order to discuss details of SAC Faculty Advisor roles, limitations, and duties.
- Charter Oak seconds. All in favor. None opposed.
- Tunxis SAC Representative will coordinate a date to meet with all other interested members.
- In order to adhere to the bylaws the Chair of SAC will follow up with the System Office to schedule the agreed upon date and time of the meeting.
- Tunxis SAC Representative volunteered to be the Chair to the Ad-Hoc Bylaw committee.
  - i. The following SAC Representatives are interested in participating in the committee:

TXCC | GCC | HCC | **CCSU** | NVCC

7. Remarks from Holly Palmer

- Provided the SAC an encouraging and motivational speech emphasizing the important role of the SAC and the great relationship we have created with the Board of Regents.
- Ensured that the students of the SAC understood that our voice is impactful and has made a significant influence in our state.

8. Action item: Vote for new SAC Vice Chair
  - Candidate from CCSU provided remarks
  - Candidate from WCSU provided remarks
  - Anonymous ballot was conducted
  - By a majority of the votes the WCSU representative was elected as the new Vice Chair.
9. Discussion
  - Angelo Simoni provided a status update on the Inclusion and Diversity Committee.
  - Brief discussion on student's position in regards to the Students First initiative. SAC representatives agreed that students position on the proposal should be clearly communicated as well as respected.
10. Adjourn at 11:50 am