

Board of Regents for Higher Education
Student Advisory Committee
April 28th, 2017
Board Room, Ground Floor
61 Woodland Street, Hartford CT
Minutes-Regular Meeting

Meeting called to order: 10:10 am

Roll Call:

- MXCC
- CCC
- COSC
- NVCC
- ACC
- HCC
- GCC
- TCC

1. Quorum was not met at start of meeting, minutes were approved after quorum was met.
2. Remarks from chair:
 - Important and critical decisions regarding the schools are being made please do your best to have a representative at each meeting.
 - Meeting in June is CRITICAL.
 - Remember you are the voice for the students on your campus, please speak up during our meetings so that it may be taken to the Board of Regents and acted on.
 - Has anyone considered running for leadership positions such as the Chair and Vice Chair? If so, please contact Holly for more information. If we meet quorum in July we will hold elections then.
3. Remarks on behalf of President Ojakian-Alice Pritchard:
 - A Town Hall question and answer series is being hosted in the colleges by President Ojakian to address concerns and questions students and staff may have, please try and attend and/or encourage others to do so.
 - Students First Proposal
 - 2 strategies being implemented regarding budgetary concerns and how to move forward from this fiscal point. President Ojakian would like student feedback and support on these committees.
 - Concerning community colleges, President Ojakian acknowledges and understands the struggle and will do what he can to fix the situation.

- Student representative from NCCC inquired about the increase in lab and art sitting fees in conjunction with tuition increase. Alice answered that this concern has been acknowledged and the concept behind raising both was most students do not require higher content level classes until their third or fourth years and therefore the increase would not be so high. This concern has been acknowledged and will be fixed in the near future.
 - Fifteen to finish, while students voiced concern in the previous March meeting all concerns have been acknowledged that no student is required to go on this path it is intended to help students graduate with a full degree in a shorter time.
 - Staffing concerns focused on not filling clerical positions yet and as a LAST RESORT to let go, “back office” workers and integrate their position into another.
 - Considering other sources for savings and revenue such as different ordering supply companies, etc. as a way to cut costs.
 - The regional, “one college” concept is still being developed as is the strategies for how to implement it.
4. Alan Kramer and David Johnson-Student Group Information:
- Hosting a forum for students throughout the state so students can help support one another, with the goal of engaging and connecting.
 - Combine a meeting with the SAC representatives on June 9th from 12-1
 - Further information will be supplied at following meetings or reaching out to Alan Kramer or Holly directly.
5. Sean Bradbury-CSCU Day:
- Thank you for supporting and attending
 - This will happen again next year, unfortunately the Appropriations Committee was unavailable to meet with because of closed door meeting.
 - Please consolidate all feedback and send to Sean Bradbury.
 - Budget update from the Capitol, may be subject to change again with reminder that there is only two to three weeks left of session left for this year.
 - For more information, contact Sean directly or go to the Connecticut General Assembly website to find your legislator and contact information. Please feel free to reach out to them directly.
6. May BOR Items:
- Board of Regents meeting is May 11th at 10am for those interested in attending.
 - There is one BOR Meeting a year that allows any student to attend please keep that in mind.
 - Student representative from NCCC voiced concern of community colleges being pushed aside and/or forgotten, where is the fairness in cost cutting between all the schools?
 - Student representative from GCC expressed thank you for transportation help has been great for students and all are very appreciative.

- Student representative from Charter Oak expressed thank you for addressing all concerns raised by the Student Advisory Council at the last Board of Regents meeting as well as food shelf/pantry community project on campus, how can we increase more positive initiative like this?
 - LGBTQ concerns regarding transgender bathroom usage and policy clarification and how can student government helps make the switch on their campuses?
 - Financial aid concerns for undocumented students.
7. Open Floor Discussion:
- Nothing to discuss at this time.
8. Meeting adjourned: 12:09, motioned by NCCC, seconded by NVCC