



**Board of Regents for Higher Education
Student Advisory Committee (SAC)**

2/1/19

10:00am – 12:00pm

Room 310

CSCU Office

61 Woodland Street, Hartford, CT

Present

T. Cruz (NVCC), S. Maier (TCC), E. Ruiz (ESCU), B. Merradi (SCSU), V. Snow (WCSU), A. King (CCSU), T. Wang (COSC), S. Moore (ACC), J. Daniels (HCC), L. Enderle (TRCC), A.

Kowalski (QVCC)

Advisor

A. Simoni (Executive Director for Student Relations and Compliance)

I. Call to Order: 10:00 am by S. Maier

II. Alice Prichard on Tuition and Fees:

- A. Prichard discussed the current formula for deciding the tuition and fees for the CSCU's. Currently tuition and fees are decided every two years with a new budget.
- A. Prichard mentioned that there are currently three ideas being reviewed to create an affordable college experience for students.
- The first idea mentioned was to create a system for free community college. A. Prichard mentioned that there are multiple states that follow a free community college model, however there are many different things to consider before such a plan can be implemented such as the overall Connecticut demographic.
- The second plan mentioned was to create an incentive for students to complete their education. Incentives include giving a portion of a student's money back that was spent on tuition or possibly giving the student their last semester free.
- The final idea that A. Prichard mentioned was to give students the opportunity to pay the same amount in tuition every year, if the student complete his or her education within a certain amount of time.
- A. Prichard further mentioned that there will be a survey being created shortly to identify the needs of students across the system. She asked the members of the SAC to share the survey with their individual institutions once the survey has been sent out.
- A. Prichard offered to return to the SAC in March once the surveys have been distributed.
- A representative mentioned that the set rate and fees should also include room and board for the state universities.
- A. Prichard shared that it is hoped to implement one of the plans by 2020.

III. Institutional Research Specialist, Jan Kiehne to report on Decision Support System (DSS) initiative:

- J. Kiehne discussed how the new DSS initiative will be a way to improve the

- system of education by creating a user friendly data warehouse.
- The data warehouse will be a way of empowering users and creating a way to reduce costs by advancing the technology used across the system.
- J. Kiehne mentioned that there will be standards in place in order to ensure the privacy and safety of those who use the data warehouse.
- There will be boundaries in place on accessibility meaning that only a specific department can access a specific aspect. (i.e financial aid can only view financial records and nothing else).
- The data warehouse will be less about physical paper work and more geared towards enrollment.

IV. Remarks from Angelo Simoni, Executive Director for Student Relations and Compliance, CSCU:

- A. Simoni wanted to ensure that students were aware of the regional president search and were aware that the process has begun to find the three regional presidents.
- A. Simoni emphasized the importance of giving students a voice when deciding the new regional president. He urged the members of the SAC to go back to their local Student Government Associations and provide more information about the regional president search as well as the timeline provided on the CSCU website.
- The CSCU Community Colleges will be divided into three regions based on location and one regional president will head one region overseeing campus CEOs.
- A. Simoni mentioned that there will be three finalists for each region and students will have an opportunity to meet with each finalist on one of their campuses. Each finalist will be in the region for an open forum/ Q&A for students to learn more about each candidate. The dates that each finalist will be in the region is posted on the CSCU website and A. Simoni will forward the link.
- V. Snow suggested that students bring a piece of paper with them to the open forums to write down questions from fellow students who may not be able to attend.

V. Discussion on Campus' Public Safety and Security Procedures:

- A. Simoni wanted to make certain that students are aware of the public safety procedures in place at each of their individual campuses.
- A. Simoni mentioned that there is a task force being created to review public safety protocols across all of the schools. The role of the SAC's place on the task force was questioned and A. Simoni opened the floor to suggestions.
- A. King suggested creating or finding a program similar to the *Not Anymore* program that focuses on public safety and teaches students the role of public safety on a campus environment.
- A member of the SAC suggested hosting a meet and greet with public safety officers so that students can see the faces of those who protect them.
- S. Moore mentioned that ACC recently performed two active shooter drills on campus and suggested more schools perform emergency drills.
- S. Moore also suggested that a policy about headphones be created as headphones

can often inhibit a student's hearing causing safety concerns.

- V. Snow mentioned that there should be a way of making sure more students are enrolled in the emergency system that sends out messages when there is an emergency on campus. She further suggested that the task force looks into figuring out how many students are enrolled in the system and how to make sure more students enroll.
- M. Dunne suggested that the SAC should be taking on a much more formal role when distributing news to their local student governments.
- V. Snow suggested that a student should sit on the new task force.

VI. Letter to Governor Lamont

- S. Maier and E. Ruiz will be inviting Governor Lamont to an SAC via letter. The letter will be a formal invitation to the meeting and discuss the role that the SAC plays in the CSCU.
- The meeting with Governor Lamont will be an opportunity to discuss as well as compare and contrast our ideas and values based on student life.
- A. King suggested the letter talk about the mention of tolls and how tolls can affect the lives of the commuting student.
- T. Wang celebrated the idea mentioning that it gives Governor Lamont an opportunity to see how diverse the CSCU's are and how involved students are with their campuses.

VII. Discussion on SAC Sub-Committee:

- S. Maier asked the SAC members if there are any interested volunteers who wished to sit on the sub-committee.
- There are six members interested on sitting on the committee to edit the SAC by-laws.
- The SAC members were asked to send their local SGA by-laws/constitution to S. Maier before February 8th.
- A member of the SAC does not have to be on the sub-committee in order to review the by-laws.

VIII. Open Discussion

- The SAC viewed Florida State University's Run. Hide. Fight. Video. A. Simoni will send a link to the video for student's to share with their campus.
- S. Moore questioned how much members of the SAC should be receiving in gas in order to travel to Hartford.
- A. Simoni clarified that the amount given to a member is campus specific, however he suggests that students should be getting reimbursed for mileage at \$0.54 a mile. The reimbursement should be coming from the department of student affairs.
- The SAC agreed that the sub-committee will be meeting via Webex on Friday, February 8th.
- The SAC also agreed to postpone the next SAC meeting until March 22nd.
- S. Maier will send out a list of meeting dates to the members of the SAC.

IX. Adjournment: 12:00 pm by A. King

Respectfully recorded and submitted by Tabitha Cruz