

**Board of Regents for Higher Education  
Student Advisory Committee  
October 13, 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
2. Roll call  

HCC|ECSU|TRCC|QVCC|SCSU|WCSU|GCC|TXCC|CCSU|NVCC|ACC
3. Adoption of Agenda – Unanimous
4. Remarks from Jeffery A. Garewski, ECSU
  - Covered history of the creation and implementation of Emergency Management Plans
    - i. Began circa 2001
    - ii. All Colleges and Universities should have plans for various types of emergencies
    - iii. Campuses now work with local first responders and medical personnel in addition to local police
  - “Run, Hide, Fight” an emergency management informational video was demonstrated
  - All campuses have access to emergency messaging software that sends a notification to students and faculty should there be a criminal emergency in campus.
  - Since 2015 all schools are required to have and submit emergency plans
5. Remarks from CSCU President Mark E. Ojakian
  - Community Colleges have been allowed to arm security if they so choose.
  - Still no state budget, we are currently working under an executive order from the Governor

- There are working groups active on how to better integrate Administrative functions throughout the system, also on how to make it easier for students to move through the system
  - Want to streamline Administration while still maintaining individuals in charge of each campus
  - Will be doing regional Townhalls for input
  - Starting pilot programs for getting 4 year degrees at Community Colleges
  - Current Budget Proposal retains all Community College campuses
  - 63,000 Upasses issued!
6. UCONN Student Representative, Christine C. Savino
- Working on Social Media campaign to spread word on the impacts of budget cuts
  - Provided the SAC informative insight into how UConn alumni and staff are advocating and raising awareness amongst their campuses.
7. Remarks from Greg Desantis (Interim Executive Director of Student Success)
- Discussed the Guided Pathways initiative under Students First
  - Working on Multiyear cross system effort to help students complete degrees
  - This would better integrate the Colleges and Universities for the students
8. Remarks from Angelo Simoni (Executive Director for Student Relation)
- Putting together a system wide diversity committee rather than solely LGBTQ
  - Looking for student representatives from various campuses. Does not have to be SGA
9. Discussion on Faculty Advisor for the SAC

- Someone not serving in the FAC, unbiased, and able to provide a perspective from outside the system office.
  - Chair of the SAC voiced concerns that Faculty Advisor should have the students interest if elected and not that of the faculty.
  - TXCC: Motion to begin search for a Faculty Advisor for the SAC 2nd: CCSU, unanimous decision to search for Faculty Advisor.
10. Advocacy Procedure Discussion - CCSU: Motion to Table Item 9 to next meeting 2nd: GWCC  
Unanimous
11. Discuss possibility of Social media advocacy initiative
- System wide Facebook, Instagram, Twitter advocacy campaign
  - Discussion of SAC social media accounts were raised.
12. Adjourn 12:24