

Regular Meeting of the State of CT
Faculty Advisory Committee to the Board of Regents for Higher Education
Minutes
July 15, 2022 WebEx

Present:

Aime, Lois, Admin Fac, At-Large Rep, NCC
Blaszczynski, Andre, Fac, alternate, TXCC
Blitz, David, Fac, Chair, CCSU
Cunningham, Brendan, Fac, ECSU
Dunne, Matthew, Fac, HCC
Farquharson, Patrice, Fac, COSC
Long, Jennifer, Fac, alternate, TRCC

Muldoon, Linsey, Fac, Alternate, MCC
Rajczewski, MaryBeth, Fac, ACC
Robinson, Dyan, SUOAF, CSU
Sesanker, Colena, Fac, Vice-Chair, GWCC
Stoloff, David, Fac, alternate, ECSU
Wilder, Linda, Admin Fac, COSC
Yiamouyiannis, Carmen, Fac, alternate, CCC

Absent:

Andersen, Jonathan, Fac, alternate, QVCC
Emanuel, Michael, Fac, alternate, NWCCC
Goh, Bryan, Fac, alternate, MXCC
Fisher, Mikey, alternate, SCSU
Gustafson, Robin, Fac, Alternate, non-voting,
WCSU

Jackson, Mark, Fac, Alternate, CCSU
Lumbantobing, Rotua. Fac, WCSU
Picard, Ron, Fac, alternate, NVCC
Perfetto, Linda, Admin Fac, alternate, COSC
Shea, Michael, Fac, SCSU
Trieu, Vu, SUOAF, CSU alternate

Guests:

Castellon, Viviana – CA CC
Castillo, Steven – CA CC
Fogel, CJ – CA CC
Judge, Daniel – CA CC
Mahonty, Sara – CA CC
Senensieb, David – CA CC

Breaker, Michelle
Johnson, Brian
Milburn, Trudy
S, Angela
Smyth, Andrew
Starling, Natalie
Woolfrey, Barbara

- Meeting called to order by Chair Blitz, at 1:04 pm. Meeting is being recorded as required.
 - Approval of June 10 minutes – Motion to approve – Colena Sesanker, seconded – approved unanimously
 - Approval of Agenda – Motion to approve – Lois Aime, seconded – approved unanimously
- California Community College guests with presentation on ramifications to reforms in remedial education for their students
 - In fall 2019, per bill AB705, all colleges in CA had to assess students using “multiple measures” not using a specific assessment (AB705)
 - Data presentation is pre AB705 (fall 2018) and post AB705 (fall 2019)
 - AB1705 is follow up bill to AB705 which will remove all non-credit developmental courses
 - All of this being framed as an equity issue
 - Data presented within the framework of a comparison to the number of survivors and deaths that were recorded when the Titanic sank
 - Daniel Judge’s full presentation of the data around these issues can be seen in this video starting at 40 minutes, 40 seconds. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=whQsv4PeeDY> (This is a video of a discussion/presentation hosted by the FACCC [Faculty Association of California Community Colleges] on 5/13/22. The video includes the same data presented to the FAC on 7/15/22. The data presentation has been time-stamped at 40’40” but it is worth watching the entire video.)

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- Daniel Judge addressed the CA state senate higher ed committee about one month ago. He was given two minutes to address them and convince them to vote against AB1705. However, during those two minutes only one senator remained to listen to his comments.
- Many education-based non-profits are supporting AB705 and AB1705. These non-profits funded by Gates Foundation, Lumina, Walton Family Foundation, and others.
- CJ Fogel - Not reflected in any of these numbers are other socio-economic categories that may be compounding and disadvantaging many groups
- Not reflected is number of math courses that have been lost because of elimination of developmental courses. STEM majors must enroll in Calculus as first math class regardless of what math was taken in high school. Must use data to prove students will be harmed by having to directly enroll in Calculus, however not sure where or how that data would exist.
- CC students have so many other issues in their lives that take up a lot of time and energy. All of this drastically changes the mission of the community colleges and not in a positive way for our students, for our communities, and for our colleges.
- CA CCs have found that students do not show up to co-requisite/concurrent courses that are voluntary
- Co-Chair Universities Report –
 - Changes to BOR membership – JoAnn Ryan (Chair), Jim McCarthy, Ira Bloom, Richard Porth, Juanita James
 - Finance Committee report – Question – how can there be 35 positions attached to the BOR when there is only \$800,000 allocated for BOR budget in the budget spreadsheets? Need to look into this.
- Co-Chair Community Colleges Report –
 - Stephen Adair presented estimate of costs of consolidation at last BOR meeting – it is in their minutes
 - Lot of commentary at BOR meeting from CCC and CSU faculty on iTeach mandate for CCC faculty only, not CSU faculty
- Draft Strategic Plan –
 - Introduction thanks FAC for extensive input given, that was then incorporated into the Plan. This is totally and completely false. The FAC did not give any feedback therefore, they could not incorporate any feedback from the FAC, which is, in actuality, the Faculty Advisory Committee, not the Faculty Advisory Council. Need to advise that the statement needs to be removed.
- FAC fall Conference – will discuss further in August
- Proposed Resolution on COVID-19 for fall 2022
 - Motion to approve – Andre Blaszczyński, seconded – approved with 2 abstentions
- Meeting adjourned 3:02 pm

Next Meeting: August 19, 2022; submitted by FAC Secretary, Lois Aimé