



President's Report to the Faculty Senate – January 22, 2014
Attachment A

A Few Meetings at Which the Senate Was Represented Recently

□ SCSU President's Leadership Council Meeting – Tuesday, January 13, 2014

1. **American Council on Education (ACE).** SCSU is committing to participate in the ACE national challenge to promote faculty career flexibility, an initiative in cooperation with the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. The Senate is invited to support this initiative—resolution needed.
2. **Offices downtown.** The SCSU Foundation has signed a lease to rent space from the New Haven Chamber of Commerce on the 10th floor of 900 Chapel St, overlooking the New Haven Green. The approx. 2800 sq. ft. space will allow a presence in downtown New Haven of our Institutional Advancement staff and will place academic counselors in proximity to Gateway CC for meetings with potential transfer students. Meetings and classes also may be held in this suite. The lease is for one year with option to renew.
3. **ConnSCU administration.** A new CFO is in place. The new system Provost begins on March 21. The CIO search is finishing up, and the search for a Facilities Chief is moving along. A search for a Policy Director is about to get underway.
4. **New Master Plan.** A new Master Plan will be developed for the University with input from across the campus. The Master Plan will align with the new Strategic Plan. A firm is being selected to assist with the process. It appears that one firm will be used for master planning at all four CSUs.
5. **Enrollment.** The University has 10,002 students enrolled in the spring 2014 semester (8,100 FTE). This is 4,000 students below the 2014 projection of 14,000 in the last Master Plan. Loss of enrollment will mean a loss of dollars from the State. The BOR is looking at a number of budgeting models—none of them benefiting SCSU, given our numbers and mix. Losses could total \$2M. The Administration is talking about “right sizing” the University.
6. **American Council on Education (ACE).** SCSU is committing to participate in the ACE national challenge to promote faculty career flexibility, an initiative in cooperation with the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation.
7. **Relocation of the School of Health and Human Services.** The old Gateway CC site on Long Wharf is being considered as a site for SHHS. If not Long Wharf, the intention is to move the School somewhere else, evidently based on wanting Southern to be more visible in the city (“We aren’t really in the city.”) and the proposition that there is nowhere on campus for a building to house the School. This initiative appears to be moving forward without genuine consultation with the faculty.
8. **Academic calendar.** ConnSCU is trying to devise one academic calendar for the system. Provost Kennedy is on the committee that doing this.
9. **Graduate Program Prioritization.** The project is moving forward, with four departments piloting the reporting framework. The framework will be presented to all departments at a Town Hall Meeting at 2:00-4:00PM on Friday, January 31. Chairs and Graduate Coordinators should attend; all are welcome.

- **Meeting of CSU Faculty Senate & AAUP Presidents with BOR Pres. Gregory Gray, December 13, 2013.**
Dr. Gray reiterated his intention to be inclusive and transparent in putting details into Excel CT. The “CSU Strategic Initiatives” document was attributed to the four CSU campus presidents.

- **Meeting of CSU Representatives with Sen. Steve Cassano, new Co-Chair of the CT General Assembly Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement, January 15, 2014.**
(Sen. Cassano was a professor of sociology at Manchester Community College for 28 years.)
Discussed: the need for more full-time, tenure-track faculty; faculty representation on the BOR and BOR committees; terms of office for Faculty Advisory Committee faculty representative on the BOR; budget; ConnSCU strategic initiatives; nature, strengths and needs of our students; and other items.

- **Meeting with the SCSU Deans Council (Executive Committee, represented by Sens. Diamantis, Pettigrew and Faraclas), Wednesday, January 15, 2014.**
Discussed: the existing grade appeal process and areas of possible common ground for refining the existing policy; ideas that emerged included a) speedy handling of complaints, b) ensuring students an opportunity to have a hearing, c) providing a reasonable role for school deans, d) developing a mechanism to provide training for committee members and e) compensation for committee members to process complaints outside the academic calendar.

- **Meeting of CSU Representatives with Rep. Roberta Willis, Co-Chair of the CT General Assembly Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement, January 16, 2014.**
Discussed: the need for both CSU and the CCs to have an advocate on the BOR; the need for more full-time, tenure-track faculty, the FT::PT ratio, and the effect of the budget on hiring; faculty representation on the BOR and BOR committees; terms of office for Faculty Advisory Committee faculty representative on the BOR; budget; nature, strengths and needs of our students; ConnSCU strategic initiatives; and other items.

- **Meeting with the Administrative FS President and AAUP and SUOAF Presidents, January 21, 2014.**
Discussed: new AAA (AAUP/Academics—Administrative Faculty—Alumni) Fund, created in cooperation with Institutional Advancement to provide emergency funds to students in crisis to help them stay in school; faculty dining room status.

- **Enrollment Management Committee, January 22, 2014.**
(see Attachment B: Enrollment Statistics)