

Central Connecticut State University
UNIVERSITY SENATE ACTION

Senate Motion Number FS 12.13.002R

TO: President Jack Miller
FROM: President of the University Senate

1. The attached resolution of the University Senate, dealing with: Response to the Board of Regents' Strategic Plan is presented to you for your consideration.
2. This resolution was adopted by the University Senate on 12/03/2012.
3. After considering this resolution, please indicate your action on this form, and return it together with the original copy to the President of the University Senate.
4. Under the By-Laws of the University Senate, Section 3.7, the following schedule of action is to be observed.
 - a) By 12/04/2012, Senate action reported to the President of the University. (Within five school days of the session in which they are adopted).
 - b) By 12/18/2012, the President of the University to return the motion to the President of the Senate. (Within ten school days of its receipt).

12/04/2012

Date


James Mulrooney, President, University Senate

ENDORSEMENT:

TO: President of the University Senate
FROM: President Jack Miller

1. Motion Approved : _____
2. Motion Disapproved: _____ (Explanatory statement must be appended).
3. Action "is deferred": _____
4. Resolution Noted: _____
5. Other: _____

Date

President Jack Miller

1. **RESOLVED:** The CCSU Faculty Senate supports the Faculty Advisory Committee's response to the Board of Regents' strategic plan (see attached).

2. **RESOLVED:** The CCSU Faculty Senate demands that the Board of Regents and its constituent committees cease and desist in the development and adoption of any mission statements, vision statements, goals or metrics related to CCSU without the full consultation and participation of the entire CCSU community.

3. **RESOLVED:** This resolution (#2) shall be presented together with the resolution in support of the Faculty Advisory Committee's statement.

The Faculty Advisory Committee has agreed to the statement below, and encourages the Faculty Senate to review the documents referred to and to formulate and pass a resolution in support of the recommendations described here. On November 15 at the BOR meeting at SCSU, the FAC presented their recommendation to the Board, and stated that this recommendation has been distributed across the governing bodies.

The Faculty Advisory Committee recommends that faculty governing bodies review closely the strategic plan being initiated by the BOR. On 9/25/12, the BOR passed a resolution defining a mission, vision and goals for the system (see starting on page 4 with the corresponding attachment: http://www.ctregents.org/images/uploads/BOR_092512_MINUTES.pdf). In the coming months, the BOR intends to develop measurement metrics and strategic action steps to realize these goals. In general, the Faculty Advisory Committee acknowledges the importance of the five goals described in the BOR's strategic planning document, but believe this list is insufficient to advance public education in Connecticut. In an effort to create one vision and one set of goals for Connecticut State Universities, Connecticut's Community Colleges, and Charter Oak State College, we believe all institutions will be underserved. We encourage the BOR to develop distinct missions (as required by PA 11-48 section 230) and vision statements with corresponding goals, metrics, and strategic actions for each type of public higher education institution. Further, the FAC encourages the BOR to adopt the processes outlined in a BOR powerpoint from December 2011 (see http://www.ctregents.org/images/uploads/BOR_Minutes_122011_w_Atch_A.pdf) to consult with faculty and other stakeholders in developing separate mission statements and respective strategic plans that are coordinated across the ConnSCU system.

From: Miller, John (President CCSU)
Sent: Wednesday, December 12, 2012 3:23 PM
Subject: Faculty Senate Motion Number FS12.13.002R

I have received Senate Resolution FS 12.13.002R. At the outset, I realize that the Senators have every right to express themselves in any way they choose. Further, I realize that no action is needed from me with regard to a Senate Resolution. That being said, I think it is incumbent on me to offer a few thoughts to you as to why I am not recognizing this Resolution.

First, I really question the language of “demanding” certain actions (or desisting from certain actions) of the Board. While the Senate has every right to “demand” certain things, there is no authority to enforce a “demand.” Thus, “strongly suggests,” “urgently requests,” “recommends,” even “insists on consideration of,” all might be more appropriate language. This is especially true if your desire is to partner with the Board.

Second, in my opinion, your Resolution groups a whole series of activities in which the Board is currently engaging with varying levels of input. Some of these activities should, and often have, included extensive input from faculty; e.g. transfer articulation. Other areas of endeavor are much more within the purview of the Board and input may come after some initial work is done, e.g. metrics. I believe it is both the right and the responsibility of the Board to determine the performance indicators and metrics by which they will evaluate institutions. Nevertheless, I know the current work on metrics to be an effort in which additional indicators reflecting distinctive missions of institutions will be sought.

Again, I respect the right of the Faculty Senate to express a collective opinion. Similarly, I am exercising my right to offer an opinion, as well.

Sincerely,

Jack Miller
President