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Faculty Advisory Committee Makes Remarks at BOR Meeting

At its May 13 meeting, the Faculty Advisory Committee (FAC) was given the opportunity to address the Board of Regents (BOR). The FAC's comments, shared by FAC Chair Stephen Adair (CCSU, Sociology) were "organized in two broad areas: ... a set of practical proposals to strengthen the collaboration between faculty and the Board; and ... faculty priorities in moving forward under Transform CSCU 2020."

The FAC shared specific proposals to strengthen faculty-board collaboration including:

- 1). BOR visits to campus governance bodies
- 2). Faculty Service on BOR subcommittees
- 3). Initiating an annual system-wide conference on faculty research, scholarship, teaching and governance.

In terms of faculty priorities in moving forward with Transform CSCU 2020, "the FAC has identified five qualities of our academic mission that [they] believe should be emphasized as we bring change to our institutions."

- 1). Promote economic growth and an educated citizenry; promote workforce development and a richer cultural life
- 2). The role of on-line education: "we do not recommend...replacing, substituting, or transitioning traditional course offerings to on-line course offerings."
- 3). Maintain the separate missions of the community colleges, the state universities, and Charter Oak State College
- 4). Increase the proportion of courses taught by full-time faculty
- 5). Curriculum planning must remain at the campus level

Please read the entirety of the FAC remarks [here](#).

Social Insecurity: 401(k)s and the Retirement Crisis

Dr. James Russell, Professor of Sociology at ECSU and CSU Professor, has published a new book, *Social Insecurity: 401(k)s and the Retirement Crisis*.

Jim Russell has been a leader in the efforts to bring questions about retirement funding to our attention in Connecticut. With this book, he continues that work on a national level.