

## Charter Oak State College

### Student Association Council Meeting Notes

October 4, 2016

6:00 p.m.

#### **SAC Members Present:**

Holly Palmer, Linda West, Alfred (Fred) Brissette, Marsha Mack, Evening (Eve) Star Logan (through conference call), Irving Gomez

Staff Adviser: Linda Larkin

#### **Newly Elected/Appointed SAC Officers:**

Vice President: Alfred Brissette

Treasurer: Marsha Mack

Secretary: Irving Gomez

**Student Advisory committee report: Holly Palmer and Linda West** will report to the Board of Regents: Students concerns for ex; cost of books, security etc. should be sent to Holly Palmer ([hpalmer@charteroak.edu](mailto:hpalmer@charteroak.edu)) Holly Palmer's role is to represent all students. Please spread the word to your fellow classmates immediately so she can be made aware of the concerns, do not delay in informing Holly. In addition Holly will write for the student newsletter to help improve communication among students. Board Members are encouraged to spread the word immediately to students about speaking up.

**Linda West** is heading a (SAC) student by-laws committee working as a liaison between students and lawmakers in Hartford. Linda also set up a Charter Oak Student Association group on Yammer. Please sign up for it. The goal is to expand the group and increase communication.

In February, students will have an opportunity to head to Hartford to testify about the budget before the Appropriations committee. This would be an opportunity for students to voice their experiences maneuvering tuition and daily expenses as they get through school.

### **New Business**

**Charter Oak State College is up for Reaccreditation on Nov. 6-7<sup>th</sup>.**

NEASC (New England Association of Schools and Colleges) is looking to meet with students in person or on the phone. Details for this are not available yet. It is important for us to participate.

### **Transitions**

**Linda Larkin – Director of Academic Services**, will retire on November 18<sup>th</sup> 2016 after 31 years of service to Charter Oak Students. Linda will be missed. She will work to inform the SAC as to who will be taking over her responsibilities. Linda carved an example of service to students, which we look to learn from.

**Events for future consideration for sponsorship:**

**Technology Night for Students:** An informative evening for students to get to know the technology available to them at the school, IT staff would be available to explain new technology and also answer questions.

**Career Night:** Also a Charter Oak's career specialist (Ashley Zennis) would be invited to present and answer student's questions.

**Faculty Led Events on Special Topics:** For example, Dr. Kristine Larsen, who teaches Astronomy and has written a book on Stephen Hawking, would be invited to speak to students about her work.

### **Get to Know Charter Oak: Student Workshop Night**

An evening for students to learn about what they have available at Charter Oak to aid them as they maneuver studies.

(Childcare would be provided)

Workshops from Alumni who successfully maneuvered Charter Oak to inspire current students and possibly new ones. Also face-to-face meetings between current students.

### **Charter Oak Alumni Series**

An Alumni Speaker series for Students focusing on specific Alumni and how they used their Charter Oak experience for professional success.

### **Annual Student Ball – Student Appreciation**

Formal Dinner/Dance to commemorate the graduating class of the respective year.

Linda West is working on a website poll to gauge interest/participation from students before moving forward. Ms. West will report to information to Lila Guillet, for consideration.

## **Budget**

The SAC currently has approximately \$8,300 available.

Our group noted the President's Discretionary Fund was extremely helpful to students in special needs circumstances. Our group is looking to make the fund an endowment.

The SAC agrees to prioritize the Presidents Discretionary Fund and Scholarships with \$2,000 each.

With \$400.00 spent on the recent Constitution night for students, there is currently \$800.00 remaining for special events.

\$1,000.00 will be spent on School Spirit umbrellas (umbrellas for Commencement).

We will be adding \$300.00 for gifts with Charter Oak labeling to give as gifts to invited speakers, and also custom nametags for Student Association Members.

Final Notes:

Linda Larkin will begin working on details for **Tuesday November 1<sup>st</sup> 6pm Technology night.**

**The Student Association will next meet on Friday December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Irving Gomez**

**Secretary**

