

# BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Minutes of the Meeting  
November 19, 2003

Department of Higher Education  
Hartford, CT

Members Present: W. Bevacqua, R. Lane, A. Meyer, H. Penner,  
F. Ridley, A. Vertefeuille

Members Absent: D. Brennan, P. Vissepó

Members of the Public: R. Baccus, Northwestern CTC; B. Frahm, The Hartford Courant;  
D. Kendrick, Gateway CTC; K. Moffett, The Journal Inquirer;  
J. Noonan, OPM; W. Pawelkiewicz, The Graduate Institute;  
G. Ragosta, CCIC; A. Sturtz, CSU

## 1. Call to Order

Chairman Penner called the meeting to order at 11:18 a.m.

## 2. Approval of Minutes

A. Meyer moved and W. Bevacqua seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2003 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

## 3. Public Participation

None reported.

## 4. Report of the Board Chairman

Chairman Penner reported that new assignments have been made to Board committees. He thanked Board members for their strong interest in higher education issues and their commitment to fulfilling Board responsibilities. He also complimented staff, particularly Dr. Yuhang Rong, on the Alternate Route to Certification conference, stating he was impressed by both the organization of the conference and number of attendees. Mr. Penner noted that he and Commissioner Lewis had met with Dr. Peter Frankenberg, Minister of Science, Research and the Arts of Baden-Württemberg and Mr. Karl-Heinz Kammerlohr, Director General for International Affairs Ministry of Science, Research and the Arts of Baden-Württemberg. Baden-Württemberg has a great interest in the biosciences and in technology. The purpose of the session was to explore options for expanding faculty exchanges.

5. Report of the Commissioner

Commissioner Lewis introduced a new staff member, Deborah Lessne, Senior Consultant for Research, and welcomed her to the Department. Ms. Lessne is joining the Department under a FIPSE grant to work on accountability and performance measures. Lewis also commented on the Alternate Route to Certification Conference, noting a key outcome may be the creation of a regional consortium to address common issues.

Commissioner Lewis introduced John Pothier, Senior Associate for Research, who summarized the report, "*Fall 2003 College and University Headcounts in Connecticut.*" The report indicates that for the second year in a row, Connecticut colleges are enrolling a record number of students. The overall increase of 0.5 percent to 170,624 is modest compared to recent annual gains. Headcounts inched up 0.4 percent at state-supported institutions, and 0.7 percent at the state's independent colleges. Totals rose 3.0 percent at the University of Connecticut, declined 1.9 percent at Connecticut State University and edged up 0.6 percent at the community colleges.

Within the independent sector, counts at the four-year nationals held steady with a 0.1 percent increase, but dipped 0.9 percent across the 18 four-year regionals. Counts rose at four of the five two-year independents.

Commissioner Lewis stated the modest growth differs from projections based on demographic trends and may be due to the combined impact of recent tuition increases, and cutbacks in student aid and course sections.

6. Commissioner's Consent Calendar

A. Vertefeuille moved and R. Lane seconded the motion to approve the extended Commissioner's Consent Calendar, consisting of the following:

- a) Gibbs College – accreditation of a program in Digital Media leading to an Associate in Applied Science

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors approve the accreditation of a program in Digital Media, leading to the Associate in Applied Science degree, to be offered by Gibbs College, for a period of time concurrent with institutional accreditation.

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- b) Gibbs College – accreditation of a program in E-Commerce leading to an Associate in Applied Science degree

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors approve the accreditation of a program in E-Commerce, leading to the Associate in Applied Science degree, to be offered by Gibbs College, for a period of time concurrent with institutional accreditation.

- c) LymeAcademy College of Fine Arts – licensure of Post-Baccalaureate Certificate Program in Fine Arts

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors license a program in fine arts, leading to a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate, to be offered by LymeAcademy College of Fine Arts for a period of two years, until November 30, 2005.

- d) Eastern Connecticut State University – licensure of a program in Biochemistry leading to the Bachelor of Science degree

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors license a program in Biochemistry leading to the Bachelor of Science degree, to be offered by Eastern Connecticut State University, until December 2005.

- e) Northwestern Connecticut Community College – reaccreditation of the College

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors accept the NEASC assessment and grant reaccreditation to Northwestern Connecticut Community College until November 30, 2008. This reaccreditation is granted with the understanding that the College will submit a copy of the Spring 2006 report requested by the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education to the Board of Governors as well.

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7. Finance and Administration Committee

A. Vertefeuille moved and R. Lane seconded the motion to approve the extended Commissioner's Consent Calendar, consisting of the following

a) Executive Session

A. Vertefeuille moved and R. Lane seconded the following motion:

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors for Higher Education vote to affirm the Board's review panel selection of Siegel, O'Connor, Schiff and Zangari, PC to provide legal counsel to the Board of Governors for Higher Education regarding collective bargaining and contract administration from January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004.

The motion passed unanimously.

b) Endowed Chair Investment Fund Annual Expenditures Reports

W. Bevacqua moved and A. Meyer seconded the following motion:

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the FY 2003 annual reports on Endowed Chairs on the basis of evidenced use of funds against statutory purpose.

The motion passed unanimously.

c) Operating Fund Quarterly Reports for the Three-Month Period Ending September 30, 2003

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the operating fund quarterly report for the three-month period ending September 30, 2003, for the University of Connecticut, University of Connecticut Health Center, Connecticut State University and Community-Technical College System for submission to the Office of Policy and Management and the Appropriations and Education Committees.

The motion passed unanimously.

8. Report of the Standing Advisory Committee

None reported.

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9. Other Business

None.

10. Adjournment

H. Penner moved and F. Ridley seconded the motion to adjourn at 12:10 p.m. Chairman Penner announced the Board's next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 17, 2003, at Manchester Community College.

Respectfully submitted,

Constance Fraser  
Secretary

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND PLANNING  
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Committee Members Present: W. Bevacqua, R. Lane, A. Meyer,  
H. Penner, F. Ridley, A. Vertefeuille

Committee Member Absent: P. McCann Vissepo

1. Call to Order

A. Vertefeuille called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. and all members of the Board were asked to serve as members of the Academic Affairs and Planning Committee for the day. W. Bevacqua moved and A. Meyer seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2003 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Commissioner's Consent Calendar

- a) **Gibbs College – Accreditation of a program in Digital Media leading to an Associate in Applied Science degree**
- b) **Gibbs College – Accreditation of a program in E-Commerce leading to an Associate in Applied Science degree**
- c) **LymeAcademy College of Fine Arts – Licensure of a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate Program in Fine Arts**

W. Bevacqua moved and A. Meyer seconded that the items be forwarded to the full Board's Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Action Items

- a) **University of Hartford, West Hartford – Extension of licensure of a program in Architecture leading to a Master of Architecture degree**

J. Zdanys noted that no representative was present and asked the committee to postpone consideration of the University's application until December. The committee unanimously voted to table this item until the December 17, 2003 meeting.

- b) **Eastern Connecticut State University – Licensure of a program in Biochemistry leading to the Bachelor of Science degree**

J. Zdanys reviewed the staff report and introduced Dr. Dimitrios Pachis, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Beverley Anderson, Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, and Dr. John Toedt, Program Coordinator, who represented Eastern Connecticut State University.

After a discussion regarding enrollment predictions and internship opportunities, the University was asked to submit a progress report at the time of accreditation verifying that the goals of the program are being met. There being no additional concerns, A. Meyer moved and R. Lane seconded that the item be forwarded to the Commissioner's Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously.

**c) Northwestern Connecticut Community College – Reaccreditation of the College**

J. Zdanys reviewed the staff report and introduced Dr. Eileen Baccus, President, who represented the college.

After a brief discussion, the committee honored Dr. Baccus for her service and dedication as President of the College. There being no concerns, F. Ridley moved and R. Lane seconded the motion that the item be forwarded to the Commissioner's Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Progress Report

**a) The Graduate Institute**

J. Zdanys presented a revised first quarterly progress report, as requested by the Board of Governors at the October 15, 2003 meeting.

5. Information Items

**a) Central Connecticut State University – Change in Accreditation of the University by New England Association of Schools and Colleges**

J. Zdanys presented an information report on action taken by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges to change the accreditation of Central Connecticut State University, to include authorization by NEASC to offer the Ed.D. in Educational Leadership.

**b) Southern Connecticut State University – Change in Accreditation of the University by New England Association of Schools and Colleges**

J. Zdanys presented an information report on action taken by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges to change the accreditation of Southern Connecticut State University, to include authorization by NEASC to offer the Ed.D. in Educational Leadership.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonas Zdanys, Secretary