

# BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Minutes of the Meeting  
March 31, 2004

Department of Higher Education  
Hartford, CT

Members Present: D. Brennan, J. Gatling, A. Meyer, H. Penner, F. Ridley,  
A. Vertefeuille

Members Absent: W. Bevacqua, R. Lane, P. McCann Vissepó, J. Reynolds

Members of the Public: W. Cibes, BOT CSU; G. Lewicki, UConn; K. Hunter, UConn;  
K. Moffett, The Journal Inquirer

## 1. Call to Order

H. Penner called the meeting to order at 12:40 p.m.

## 2. Approval of Minutes

A. Meyer moved and A. Vertefeuille seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2004 meeting with a noted change in the adjournment time. The motion passed unanimously.

## 3. Public Participation

Dr. William Cibes, Chancellor of the Connecticut State University System, informed Board members that the CSU Board of Trustees increased tuition and fees for 2004-05 in order to cover program costs. He stated that if the legislature appropriates additional funds for CSU for 2004-05 or if surplus funds are sufficient, the CSU Board would consider reducing the planned tuition and fee increases.

## 4. Report of the Board Chairman

Chairman Penner noted the challenge of keeping the costs of higher education down and stressed the importance of working together toward achieving this objective. He thanked all members of the Tuition and Fee Policy Review Committee for their hard work on this issue and for the accord reached over the year.

5. Report of the Commissioner

Commissioner Lewis expressed gratification with Chancellor Cibes' remarks regarding the possibility of lowering CSU's tuition and fee increases pending legislative action and the level of surplus funds. She reiterated the strengths of the tuition policy in preserving a tuition cap and a set-aside for financial aid.

6. Commissioner's Consent Calendar

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

- a) Gibbs College – program modification approval: branch campus offering a program in Visual Communications leading to the Associate in Applied Science degree.

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors accredit a program in Visual Communications leading to the Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree, to be offered by Gibbs College, for a period of time concurrent with institutional accreditation, to be delivered at a facility at 270 Farmington Avenue in Farmington, Connecticut.

- b) University of Connecticut – program modification: approval to offer a program in Human Development and Family Studies leading to the Bachelor of Science degree.

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors accredit a program in Human Development and Family Studies leading to the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree, to be offered by the University of Connecticut in Stamford, for a period of time concurrent with institutional accreditation.

- c) Goodwin College – change of ownership of the College and change in the College's status to Not-for-Profit.

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors approve the change of ownership of Goodwin College and the change of status for Goodwin College to not-for-profit. This approval will result in the transfer of licensure and accreditation of the institution and of all of its current approved educational programs, from Goodwin College to the Board of Trustees of New Goodwin College, Inc., for a period of time concurrent with institutional accreditation, currently in force until January 31, 2006.

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- d) University of Connecticut, Hartford – program modification approval: consolidation of venues of the Business Administration programs leading to the Master of Business Administration degree.

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors approve the consolidation of venues of Business Administration programs leading to the Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) degree, to be offered by the University of Connecticut, at 100 Constitution Plaza in Hartford, for a period of time concurrent with institutional accreditation.

The motion passed unanimously.

8. Finance and Administration Committee

- a) Personnel Matters

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the proposed reorganization of the Alternate Route to Certification with concomitant position description changes as detailed in Exhibit A (on file) and with the vacant position of Consultant to be filled immediately by promotion as detailed in Exhibit B (on file). The balance of the reorganization is to be implemented through a search for a Professional Assistant and by promotion of the Senior Associate to the position of Associate Director in the first pay period of FY05 as detailed in Exhibit C (on file).

- b) Proposed revisions to the Connecticut Public Higher Education Tuition and Fee Policy

In keeping with the Board of Higher Education's commitment to ensure affordable access for Connecticut residents as well as flexibility for the constituent units to provide services during times of limited state resources, a motion was made by A. Meyer, seconded by J. Gatling, to approve the proposed revisions to its Tuition Policy and direct the Commissioner to work with the constituent units and bring back recommendations for further technical changes in September, 2004. The motion passed unanimously.

- c) Tuition and Fee Schedules for Connecticut Public Colleges and Universities for the 2004-05 Academic Year

D. Brennan expressed concerns over high levels of tuition and fee increases that run counter to keeping costs affordable, and noted these follow significant increases during the 1990's. For these reasons, she stated her opposition to the recommendation to approve the tuition and fee schedules even though the recommendations otherwise are in the Board's interest.

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A. Vertefeuille moved and A. Meyer seconded the motion to endorse the following recommendations concerning the 2004-05 tuition and fee adjustments:

- Tuition (including educational extension fees) and fee increases for 2004-05 should be held as low as possible and must be held within the Tuition Policy's maximum of 15 percent.
- In the interest of improving access, the Connecticut State University should reconsider 2004-05 tuition rates that currently fall just below the Tuition Policy maximum.
- In recognition of its relative lower cost as compared nationally and the relatively strong availability of financial aid, the Community-Technical College System is encouraged to pursue more consistent tuition rates to secure needed revenue.
- The Board should direct staff to review all undergraduate fees with regard to whether any represent differential tuition, since such is not permitted within the Tuition Policy.

The motion passed, with F. Ridley and D. Brennan voting against the motion.

- d) Tuition Schedule for the Department of Higher Education Alternate Route to Certification Program.

F. Ridley moved and A. Meyer seconded the motion to approve a 3.1 percent tuition increase for the Alternate Route to Certification program to \$3,200 effective with the ARC II fall 2004-05 cohort. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Report of the Standing Advisory Committee

None.

10. Other Business

None.

10. Adjournment

A. Vertefeuille moved and F. Ridley seconded the motion to adjourn at 1:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Constance Fraser  
Secretary

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

Committee Members Absent: R. Lane, J. Reynolds, P. McCann Vissepo

Other BGHE Members Present: D. Brennan, J. Gatling

1. Call to Order

A. Vertefeuille called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. A. Meyer moved and H. Penner seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2004 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Commissioner's Consent Calendar

- a) **Gibbs College – Program modification approval: Branch campus offering a program in Visual Communications, leading to the Associate in Applied Science degree**
- b) **University of Connecticut – Program modification: Approval to offer a program in Human Development and Family Studies leading to the Bachelor of Science degree**

D. Brennan moved and H. Penner seconded that the items be forwarded to the full Board's Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Action Items

- a) **Goodwin College – Change of Ownership of the College and Change in the College's status to Not-for-Profit**

J. Zdanys reviewed the staff report and introduced President Mark Scheinberg and Vice President Ann Clark, who represented the College.

After discussion, D. Brennan moved and F. Ridley seconded that the item be forwarded to the Commissioner's Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously.

**b) University of Connecticut, Hartford – Program modification approval:  
Consolidation of venues of the Business Administration programs, leading to  
the Master of Business Administration degree**

J. Zdanys reviewed the staff report and introduced Dean Curt Hunter and Rich Dino, Associate Dean, who represented the University and its School of Business.

After discussion, A. Meyer moved and D. Brennan seconded that the item be forwarded to the Commissioner's Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Progress Reports

**a) Albertus Magnus College – Update on Enrollment in the College's Master  
of Business Administration program in East Hartford**

J. Zdanys presented the update, noting that the program has had substantially higher enrollments than anticipated at the time of licensure.

5. Information Items

J. Zdanys presented the Monthly Update.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonas Zdanys, Secretary

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
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at  
Department of Higher Education  
Hartford, CT

Members

Present: D. Brennan, A. Meyer

Members

Absent: W. Bevacqua

Other BGHE

Members Present: J. Gatling, H. Penner, F. Ridley, A. Vertefeuille

1. Call to Order

D. Brennan called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m.

2. Dialogue with Office of Workforce Competitiveness and Unit Chief Executive Officers

Regarding ERIP Replacements and Meeting Connecticut's Workforce Needs

Commissioner Valerie Lewis introduced Mary Ann Hanley and Rob Keating respectively the Executive Director and Director of the Office of Workforce Competitiveness (OWC). M. Hanley began by noting that one item the OWC handles is job forecasting, with consequent emphasis on how the Office can work collaboratively with state agencies to meet workforce needs. The colleges and universities in Connecticut have been very good about responding. She also noted that the legislature has directed the development of career ladders in shortage areas, specifically in allied health care, child care and information technology. Following discussion, V. Lewis invited her colleagues from the units to comment.

Mr. Marc Herzog, Chancellor for Board of Trustees for Community-Technical Colleges informed committee members that workforce development is the central theme at the community colleges in Connecticut. In December 2003, the community college system reviewed reported critical workforce areas and observed how they aligned with courses and programs being offered at the twelve community colleges. There are a number of pathways which have been formed. One of the most recent is in the teacher shortage area where the community colleges are working closely with the Connecticut state universities to create transfer options. Another pathway where much progress has been made is with licensed practical nursing into registered nursing and registered nursing into Bachelor of Science in Nursing programs.

Dr. Curt Hunter, Dean of the School of Business, University of Connecticut stated that the University generates a workforce that is creative, and will be leaders. The University helps the economy by being a large employer in the state and uses the services of many of the business in the area. He also noted that the curriculum is ever evolving so that there is no gap from what the businesses need and from what the students are learning.

Dr. William Cibes, Chancellor of the Connecticut State University System stated that the CSU system views itself as a non-traditional institution; welcoming transfer as well as native students. Teacher preparation is the traditional strength at the state university system, however they are trying to move also into the polytechnic areas. In the nursing area, the Connecticut State University system is at capacity, with an expectation for 115 graduates in 2004. The universities are striving to increase their capacity.

Dr. Merle Harris, President of Charter Oak State College noted that all the students at Charter Oak State College are transfer students, with 90% currently working. Charter Oak allows them to earn a degree while they better their skills for employment. The College offers nursing refresher courses for those individuals who may have left the profession and are now intending to return to the nursing field. Charter Oak State College also has a program for women in transition. This program is designed for women who may be in low income bracket and/or are single mothers to help them complete a degree and prepare them for the working world.

Discussion ensued regarding studies of graduates from the higher education systems as to whether they are staying in Connecticut for employment and if they are, whether they are employed in the field in which the graduated.

There also was dialogue regarding career clusters and how the institutions approach these industry groups. At the community colleges there are advisory committees in place. M. Herzog noted Capital Community College as an example, stating that the college works very closely with the finance and insurance industry in Hartford.

Rob Keating stressed the importance of recognizing the knowledge economy. We must know the direction Connecticut needs to go over the next decade. He asserted that we especially need to create a campaign to raise Connecticut's standards for science and mathematics.

Commissioner Lewis noted that, as the Board directed, this dialogue would continue in April with a presentation on Connecticut's status in information technology and its importance to the knowledge economy. There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 12:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie F. Lewis  
Secretary