

BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Minutes of the Meeting
November 16, 2005

Department of Higher Education
Hartford, CT

Members Present: W. Bevacqua, D. Brennan, B. Flaherty, J. Gatling, H. Penner, F. Ridley, A. Vertefeuille

Members Absent: W. Aniskovich, J. Reynolds, P. McCann Vissepó

Members of the Public: S. Braverman, CCSU; P. Prescott, CCSU; W. Reasco, CCSU; G. Ragosta, CCIC; B. Richards, HCC

1. Call to Order

H. Penner called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

D. Brennan moved and B. Flaherty seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2005 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Participation

None.

4. Report of the Board Chairman

Chairman Penner welcomed Brian J. Flaherty of Watertown as a new member of the Board. B. Flaherty was appointed by Governor Rell. H. Penner noted that B. Flaherty is the Public Affairs Manager for the Greenwich-based Nestlé Waters North America and served nine years as the Deputy House Minority Leader, the second-ranking Republican in the House. H. Penner swore in B. Flaherty.

H. Penner thanked members of the Standing Advisory Committee for an informative joint meeting on high school transition to college.

5. Report of the Commissioner

V. Lewis called Board attention to two new agency publications: the 2006 Alternate Route to Certification Application and the 2005-06 Connecticut Student Financial Aid guide.

V. Lewis introduced Dr. Steve Coelen from the University of Massachusetts, and welcomed members of the Standing Advisory Committee to join Board members at lunch for an informal presentation by Dr. Coelen on a New England demographic report titled "Higher Education Matters."

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6. Commissioner's Consent Calendar

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

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

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors for Higher Education accredit a program in Biochemistry, leading to the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree, offered by Eastern Connecticut State University, for a period of time concurrent with institutional accreditation.

- b) Quinebaug Valley Community College – accreditation of a program in Computer Networking, leading to a Senior Network Specialist Certificate or the Associate in Science degree

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors for Higher Education license Quinebaug Valley Community College to offer a program in Computer Networking, leading to a Senior Network Specialist Certificate or the Associate in Science (A.S.) degree, for a period of time concurrent with institutional accreditation.

- c) University of Hartford – accreditation of a Post-Baccalaureate Pre-Medial Certificate Program

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors for Higher Education accredit a Post-Baccalaureate Pre-Medical Certificate Program, to be offered by the University of Hartford, for a period of time concurrent with institutional accreditation.

- d) Bais Binyomin Academy, Stamford – licensure of an Institution of Higher Education to offer a Certificate in Talmudic Studies

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors for Higher Education license Bais Binyomin Academy and its three-year Certificate Program in Talmudic Studies until November 2008.

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- e) Saint Basil College – reaccreditation of the College and its previously approved programs in Philosophy, leading to a Bachelor of Arts degree

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors for Higher Education reaccredit Saint Basil College and its Bachelor's program in Philosophy until November 2010, with the understanding that the College will invite staff from the Department of Higher Education to participate in its New England Association of Schools and Colleges evaluation visit in fall 2006 and that the College submit to the Department a copy of its American Academy for Liberal Education evaluation report.

- f) St. Joseph College – licensure of a program in Liberal Studies, leading to the Bachelor of Arts degree, to be offered on-line

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors for Higher Education license a program in Liberal Studies at St. Joseph College leading to the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree, to be offered on-line, for a period of two years, until November 30, 2007.

- g) Endowed Chair Investment Fund Annual Expenditure Reports

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the FY 2005 annual reports on Endowed Chairs on the basis of evidenced use of funds against statutory purpose.

- h) Operating Fund Quarterly Reports for the Three-Month Period Ending September 30, 2005

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the operating fund quarterly reports for the three-month period ending September 30, 2005, for the University of Connecticut, University of Connecticut Health Center, Connecticut State University, Community-Technical College System and Board for State Academic Awards for submission to the Office of Policy and Management and the Appropriations and Education Committees.

- i) Capitol Scholarship Program – Revised Academic Screen

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the revised Capitol Scholarship Program eligibility criteria effective with the 2006-2007 grant year to: a cumulative class rank in the top 20 percent at the end of the junior year for high school seniors (upon graduation for all others) OR have combined scores (math, critical reading, and writing) of at least 1800 on any one sitting of the Scholastic Aptitude Test. Applicants who have sat for the SAT exam prior to March 2005 must have scored at least 1200 on the SAT exam.

The motion passed unanimously.

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7. Report of the Standing Advisory Committee

On behalf of the Standing Advisory Committee, G. Ragosta thanked Board members for the opportunity to meet with them in a joint meeting to discuss high school student transition to college.

8. Other Business

None.

9. Adjournment

F. Ridley moved and J. Gatling seconded the motion to adjourn at 12:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Constance Fraser
Secretary

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

RECORD OF MEETING

Department of Higher Education
Hartford, CT
November 16, 2005

Members Present: B. Bevacqua, D. Brennan, J. Gatling, H. Penner, F. Ridley,

Other BGHE Present B. Flaherty, V. Lewis, A. Vertefeuille

1. Call to Order

B. Bevacqua called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

2. Approval of the Finance & Administration Committee Minutes for the September 28, 2005 Meeting

On a motion made by H. Penner, seconded by F. Ridley, the Committee unanimously approved the minutes of the September 28, 2005 meeting.

3. Executive Session – Legal Advice re: Galen Institute v. Department of Higher Education BOT – 2005-001

On a motion made by H. Penner, seconded by F. Ridley, the Committee unanimously voted to enter into Executive Session at 9:37 a.m. for a discussion on legal advice regarding Galen Institute v. Department of Higher Education BOT – 2005-001.

The Committee returned to public session at 10:05 a.m.

4. Commissioner's Consent Calendar

a. Endowed Chair Investment Fund Annual Expenditure Reports

On a motion made by H. Penner, seconded by J. Gatling, the Committee unanimously voted to forward this item to the full Board's Consent Calendar.

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5. Action Items

- a. Operating Fund Quarterly Reports for the Three-Month Period Ending September 30, 2005

M. Johnson reported on revenue and expenditure activity for the three-month period ending September 30, 2005. She noted that all units must now identify which personnel on their payroll are “general fund” employees so that fringe benefit costs are tied directly to particular people and are on an actual cost basis.

The University of Connecticut projects the operating fund balance will decrease by \$8.0 million reflecting the expenditure of \$9.0 million in unexpected equipment purchases carried forward from FY 2005. The University of Connecticut Health Center projects a fund balance reduction of \$14.4 million for the first quarter of FY 2006 due largely to declines in clinical volume. A corrective plan has been developed and is being implemented to correct the projected deficiency. The Connecticut State University projects a planned deficit of \$2.4 million; however, this is likely to change to a more positive result since it is early in the year. The Community Colleges are projecting a slight surplus of about \$330,000 because of an increase in enrollment. Lastly, at Charter Oak State College, a concerted effort is being made to hold down other expenses to help finance a new student information system.

On a motion made by F. Ridley, seconded by H. Penner, the committee unanimously voted to approve the operating fund quarterly reports for the three-month period ending September 30, 2005, for the University of Connecticut, University of Connecticut Health Center, Connecticut State University, Community-Technical College System and Board for State Academic Awards for submission to the Office of Policy and Management and the Appropriations and Education Committees.

- b. Capital Scholarship Program – Revised Academic Screen

J. Siegrist reported that for the past nine years the academic screen for the Capitol Scholarship Program has been a score of at least 1200 on one sitting of the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or ranking in the top 20 percent of the high school class. Effective March 2005, the College Board revised the SAT to include a new writing component. The test which previously yielded each test taker with a score of between 200-800 on each of the verbal and math sections (1600 total) now provides test takers with three scores – math, critical reading and writing (2400 total). Therefore, the “performance on a standardized academic aptitude test” eligibility criterion must be amended to accommodate current high school seniors who have taken the SAT after March 1, 2005 to a combined score of 1800.

On a motion made by J. Gatling, seconded by H. Penner, the Committee unanimously voted to approve the revised Capitol Scholarship Program eligibility criteria effective with the 2006-07 grant year to: a cumulative class rank in the top 20 percent at the end of the junior year for high school seniors (upon graduation for all others) OR have a combined score (math, critical reading and writing) of at least 1800 on any one sitting of the Scholastic Aptitude Test. Applicants who

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have sat for the SAT exam prior to March 2005 must have scored at least 1200 on the SAT exam.

6. Information Item

a. Fall 2005 College and University Headcounts in Connecticut

J. Pothier presented a report entitled, *Fall 2005 College and University Headcounts in Connecticut*. He reported total headcount enrollment at Connecticut's colleges and universities reached 174,275 students in fall 2005, a fourth straight record year. The total is an increase of 1,535 students (or 0.9%) over fall 2004. While this is the eighth consecutive year of enrollment growth, the rate of average annual growth has decelerated from 2.4 percent per year between 1998 and 2002 to 0.9 percent per year over the last three years. He further noted that the pool of recent high school graduates is projected to increase slightly in the next few years and then decline so that its ranks will be smaller in 2013 than it is now in 2005. J. Pothier reviewed strategies for the state and its colleges to buffer themselves from the shrinking pool of Connecticut public high school graduates.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary K. Johnson
Secretary

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND PLANNING
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Committee

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

Committee

Members Absent: P. McCann Vissepo, J. Reynolds

Other BGHE

Members Present: W. Bevacqua, D. Brennan, B. Flaherty, J. Gatling, V. Lewis

1. Call to Order

Chairman Vertefeuille called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. and asked that all members of the Board serve as members of the Academic Affairs and Planning Committee for the day.

2. Approval of the Academic Affairs Committee Minutes for the October 19, 2005 Meeting

On a motion made by D. Brennan, seconded by J. Gatling, the Committee voted to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2005 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Commissioner's Consent Calendar

On a motion made by F. Ridley, seconded by H. Penner, the Committee unanimously voted that the following items be forwarded to the full Board's Consent Calendar.

a. Eastern Connecticut State University – Accreditation of a program in Biochemistry, leading to the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree

b. Quinebaug Valley Community College – Accreditation of a program in Computer Networking, leading to a Senior Network Specialist Certificate or the Associate in Science (A.S.) degree

c. University of Hartford – Accreditation of a Post-Baccalaureate Pre-Medical Certificate Program

4. Action Items

a. Bais Binyomin Academy – Licensure of an institution of higher education to offer a Certificate in Talmudic Studies

J. Zdanys reviewed the staff report and introduced Solomon Greenfield, Administrator, and Moshe Weisberg, Special Assistant to the President, who represented the Academy.

After discussion, H. Penner moved to license Bais Binyomin Academy and its three-year Certificate Program in Talmudic Studies until November 2008, and to forward the item to the Commissioner's Consent Calendar. J. Gatling seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

b. Saint Basil College – Reaccreditation of the College and its previously approved program in Philosophy, leading to a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree

J. Zdanys reviewed the staff report and introduced Ed Bourdeau, Dean, and Father Bohdan Danylo, Rector, who represented the College.

After discussion, J. Gatling moved to reaccredit Saint Basil College and its Bachelor's program in Philosophy until November 2010, with the understanding that the College will invite Staff from the Department of Higher Education to participate in its New England Association of Schools and Colleges evaluation visit in Fall 2006 and that the College will submit to the Department a copy of its American Academy for Liberal Education evaluation report. Mr. Gatling also moved to forward the item to the Commissioner's Consent Calendar. H. Penner seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

c. St. Joseph College – Licensure of a program in Liberal Studies, leading to the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree, to be offered on-line

J. Zdanys reviewed the staff report and introduced Billye Auclair, Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Ruth MacDonald, Associate Dean, who represented the College.

After discussion, F. Ridley moved to license a program in Liberal Studies at St. Joseph College leading to the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree, to be offered on-line, for a period of two years, until November 30, 2007, and to forward the item to the Commissioner's Consent Calendar. H. Penner seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

5. Progress Reports

a. University of Bridgeport – Progress report for the licensed program in Martial Arts Studies, leading to a Bachelor of Arts degree

J. Zdanys briefly reviewed the progress report, noting that the Connecticut Post published an article regarding the program today.

6. Information Items

J. Zdanys reviewed the Nursing Education Capacity in Connecticut's Colleges and Universities staff report and introduced Marcia Proto of the Connecticut League for Nursing. Ms. Proto presented to the Board a report entitled Enhancing the Education and Supply of Nurses In Connecticut, noting many points of interest, including that there will not be enough new nurses to fill the projected retirements over the coming years and that over 2000 qualified nursing applicants were denied entrance into Connecticut nursing programs due to a lack of educational resources.

J. Zdanys presented the monthly update.

7. Other Business

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8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonas Zdanys, Secretary