

BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Minutes of the Meeting  
January 19, 2005

Department of Higher Education  
Hartford, CT

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

Members Absent: R. Lane, A. Meyer, P. McCann Visser

Members of the Public: S. Braverman, CCSU; T. Breen, Journal Inquirer; J. Leahy, CCSU;  
G. Ragosta, CCIC; M. Santos, Teikyo Post University

1. Call to Order

H. Penner called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

J. Gatling moved and J. Reynolds seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2004 meeting. The motion passed unanimously, with abstentions from A. Vertefeuille and H. Penner who did not attend the December 15, 2004 meeting.

3. Public Participation

None.

4. Report of the Board Chairman

Chairman Penner thanked V. Lewis, the Department of Higher Education and members of the Taskforce on the Cost of College Textbooks for their work in putting together the survey and its results.

5. Report of the Commissioner

V. Lewis informed the Board that there are many new faces and leaders in this legislative session. The Governor's budget address will be given on Wednesday, February 9, 2005; with Appropriation Subcommittee hearings taking place the week of February 14, 2005.

6. Commissioner's Consent Calendar

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

- a) Paier College of Art – accreditation of a program in Photography and Digital Imaging, leading to the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors accredit Paier College of Art to offer a program in Photography and Digital Imaging, leading to the Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.) degree, for a period of time concurrent with institutional accreditation.

- b) University of Connecticut – licensure of a program (on-line) in Occupational Safety and Health Management, leading to a Master of Professional Studies degree

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors license a program in Occupational Safety and Health Management, leading to the Master of Professional Studies, to be offered by the University of Connecticut, until January 2008.

- c) University of New Haven – extension of licensure of a program in Human Services leading to a Bachelor of Science degree

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors extend the licensure of a program in Human Services, leading to the Bachelor of Science degree, to be offered by the University of New Haven, until September 2006.

- d) University of New Haven – extension of licensure of a program in Professional Counseling leading to a Master of Science degree

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors extend licensure of a program in Professional Counseling, leading to the Master of Science degree, to be offered by the University of New Haven, until September 2006.

- e) American International College, Springfield, Massachusetts – authorization to place students in the educator preparation programs for the required field experience and clinical practice in Connecticut schools

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RESOLVED that the Board of Governors approve the application by American International College to place students in its educator preparation programs for the required field experience and clinical practice in Connecticut schools, for a period of five years, from February 1, 2004 through January 31, 2009.

- f) Quinnipiac University – licensure of a program in Physical Therapy leading to the Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Physical Therapy degree

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors license a program in Physical Therapy, leading to the Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Physical Therapy (BS/DPT) degree, to be offered by Quinnipiac University, until January 2008.

- g) Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute – licensure and accreditation of a program in Electrical Engineering, leading to a Master of Engineering degree

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors license and accredit Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Hartford to offer a program in Electrical Engineering, leading to a Master of Engineering degree, for a period concurrent with its institutional accreditation.

- h) Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute – licensure and accreditation of a program in Engineering Science, leading to a Master of Engineering degree

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- i) Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute – licensure and accreditation of a program in Mechanical Engineering, leading to a Master of Engineering degree

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors license and accredit Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Hartford to offer a program in Mechanical Engineering, leading to a Master of Engineering degree, for a period concurrent with its institutional accreditation.

- j) St. Vincent’s College – accreditation of the institute

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors accept the NEASC/CIHE accreditation of the College and thereby grant state accreditation to St. Vincent’s College until December 31, 2009.

The motion passed unanimously.

7. Report of the Standing Advisory Committee

G. Ragosta and J. Sherrard thanked the Board members for the opportunity to meet with them in a joint meeting to discuss the rising cost of college textbooks.

8. Other Business

None.

9. Adjournment

W. Bevacqua moved and J. Reynolds seconded the motion to adjourn at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Constance Fraser  
Secretary

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

RECORD OF MEETING

Department of Higher Education  
Hartford, CT  
December 15, 2004

Members Present: W. Bevacqua, D. Brennan, J. Gatling, F. Ridley

Other BGHE  
Present: V. Lewis, A. Meyer, J. Reynolds

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of the Finance & Administration Committee Minutes for the October 20, 2004 Meeting

On a motion made by J. Gatling, seconded by F. Ridley, the Committee unanimously approved the minutes of the October 20, 2004 meeting.

3. Executive Session – Review of Certain DHE Classification Ranges and Commissioner’s Contract

On a motion made by F. Ridley, seconded by J. Gatling, the Committee unanimously voted to enter into Executive Session at 11:19 a.m. to review certain Department classification ranges and the Commissioner’s contract. The Committee returned to public session at 11:30.

F. Ridley commended Commissioner Lewis for the fine job she has been doing over the last couple of years and is pleased with the direction that she and the Department have taken.

On a motion made by F. Ridley, seconded by W. Bevacqua, the Committee, subject to its responsibilities as contained in Section 10a-5 of the Connecticut General Statutes; to select and employ a commissioner of higher education, to fix terms and conditions of employment and to fix compensation for the position; approve the offer of a continuing contract to Commissioner Valerie F. Lewis with a compensation adjustment as detailed in Exhibit A, effective retroactively to December 1, 2004.

On a motion made by F. Ridley, seconded by W. Bevacqua, the Committee, subject to its responsibilities as contained in Section 10a-5 of the Connecticut General Statutes, approved the compensation schedule for intern services as described in Exhibit A.

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### 4. Action Items

#### a. FY 2005-07 Biennial Operating Budget Request – Commissioner’s Recommendations

M. Johnson reported that the public higher education community requests an overall general fund/operating fund budget of \$1.73 billion for FY 2006 and \$1.83 billion for FY 2007. In FY 2006, general fund request includes support of \$659.0 million to maintain current services and other funding requests of \$19.5 million. For FY 2007, the general fund current services request is \$679.5 million and other funding requests are \$34.2 million. The FY 2006 general fund budget request represents an increase of \$71.9 million, or 11.9 percent, over current estimated expenditures. The FY 2007 request would increase state support by \$107.1 million, or 17.7 percent, from current spending levels.

M. Johnson reported on enrollment assumptions and tuition and fee projections. Tuition and fees are between 5.4 percent and 5.7 percent at this point, still well-above inflation, but mirroring the growth in bargained salary increases.

Lastly, M. Johnson reported on FY 2005-07 expansion options requests for each of the constituent units. Most of the requested new dollars are for additional faculty resources to meet enrollment demand, meet state workforce needs, enhance research capacity or, in the case of the Community-Technical College System, to improve student retention. She noted that the Department has requested an increase to the Capital Scholarship Program of \$2 million in FY 2006 and \$4.5 million in FY 2007.

Commissioner Lewis reported that the CEOs discussed the issue of cost containment at their most recent meeting. They have agreed to put together a working group to look at what the units are already doing to keep costs in line and to identify other areas to reduce costs for further benefit.

There was some discussion concerning the projected increases for tuition and fees for FY 2005-07. Board members requested a document that shows state budget requests versus enrollment beginning the year before peak for each of the constituent units. Commissioner Lewis stated that the Department could bring this information to the next Board meeting when Board members will have an opportunity to review tuition and fee increases for FY 2005-06.

On a motion made by W. Bevacqua, seconded by F. Ridley, the Committee unanimously voted to approve the 2005-07 Biennial Operating Budget request as recommended by the Commissioner in Attachment A for submission to the Governor and General Assembly with the stipulation that the Board of Governors has not endorsed the tuition and fee rates included in the FY 2005-07 biennial budget document; these adjustments will be reviewed separately.

#### b. FY 2005-07 Biennial Capital Budget Request – Commissioner’s Recommendations

M. Johnson reported that with the generous support of the Governor and the General Assembly, Connecticut has invested nearly \$2 billion since 1997 to renew, enhance and replace Connecticut’s aging college infrastructure. The budget request for the next biennium represents

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the continuation of that commitment and calls for \$413.4 million in new authorizations for 37 projects, \$170.9 million in FY 2006 and \$242.5 million in FY 2007. Including what has already been authorized under UConn 21<sup>st</sup> Century, the total system capital budget totals \$581.4 million for 50 projects.

The Department received an official request last week for the inclusion of \$1 million in planning funds for a new building for Charter Oak State College (COSC). Merle Harris, President, COSC, made brief remarks about the project. Board members raised concerns with the timing of the request and took no action.

On a motion made by J. Gatling, seconded by F. Ridley, the Committee unanimously voted to endorse the FY 2005-07 Biennial Capital Budget request. In addition, it is recommended that the Governor and General Assembly use the Board of Governors' five priority categories to evaluate and determine funding levels for each constituent unit. These priority categories are defined in Attachment A. Each requested project has been assigned a category based on these definitions.

5. Information Item

J. Ciarleglio reported that the Department is moving forward with one legislative proposal regarding the criteria for certification for new private occupational schools. She reviewed the legislation.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary K. Johnson  
Secretary

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND PLANNING  
Minutes of the Meeting  
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Committee

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

Committee

Members Absent: R. Lane, A. Meyer, P. McCann Vissepo

Other BGHE

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

1. Call to Order

A. Vertefeuille called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m., and all members of the Board were asked to serve as members of the Academic Affairs and Planning Committee for the day.

2. Approval of the Academic Affairs Committee Minutes for the December 15, 2004 Meeting

On a motion made by J. Reynolds, seconded by F. Ridley, the Committee unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2004 meeting. A. Vertefeuille, who was not present at the December meeting, abstained from the vote.

3. Commissioner's Consent Calendar

On a motion made by J. Reynolds, seconded by J. Gatling, the Committee unanimously voted that the following items be forwarded to the full Board's Consent Calendar.

- a. Paier Colege of Art – Accreditation of a program in Photography and Digital Imaging, leading to the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree**
- b. University of Connecticut – Licensure of a program (on-line) in Occupational Safety and Health Management, leading to a Master of Professional Studies degree**
- c. University of New Haven – Extension of licensure of a program in Human Services, leading to a Bachelor of Science degree**
- d. University of New Haven – Extension of licensure of a program in Professional Counseling, leading to a Master of Science degree**

4. Action Items

**a. American International College, Springfield, Massachusetts – Authorization to place students in educator preparation programs for the required field experience and clinical practice in Connecticut schools**

J. Zdanys reviewed the staff report and introduced Dr. Greg Schmutte, Dean of the School of Psychology and Education, Dr. Barbara Dautrich, Education Department Chair, and Royce Layman, Director of Student Teaching, who represented the College.

After discussion, F. Ridley moved to approve the application by American International College to place students in its educator preparation programs for the required field experience and clinical practice in Connecticut schools, for a period of five years, from February 1, 2004 through January 31, 2009, and to forward the item to the Commissioner's Consent Calendar. J. Reynolds seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**b. Quinnipiac University – Licensure of a program in Physical Therapy, leading to the Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Physical Therapy (BS/DPT) degree**

J. Zdanys reviewed the staff report and introduced Dr. Edward O'Connor, Associate Dean of the School of Health Sciences, Professor Edward Tantorski, and Professor Kenneth Kowalski, who represented the University.

After discussion, J. Reynolds moved approval to license a program in Physical Therapy leading to the Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Physical Therapy (BS/DPT) degree, to be offered by Quinnipiac University, until January 2008, and to forward the item to the Commissioner's Consent Calendar. F. Ridley seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**c. Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute - Licensure and accreditation of a program in Electrical Engineering, leading to a Master of Engineering degree**

J. Zdanys reviewed the staff report and introduced Dr. Ernesto Gutierrez-Miravete, Area Coordinator for Engineering Programs, and Mr. Richard Patton, Director of Marketing, who represented the Institute.

After discussion, F. Ridley moved approval to license and accredit Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Hartford to offer a program in Electrical Engineering, leading to a Master of Engineering degree, for a period concurrent with its institutional accreditation, and to forward the item to the Commissioner's Consent Calendar. J. Gatling seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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**f. St. Vincent's College - Accreditation of the College**

J. Zdanys reviewed the staff report and introduced President John Fisher, and Dr. Joanne Wolfertz, Vice President, who represented the College.

After discussion, J. Reynolds moved approval to accept the NEASC/CIHE accreditation of the College and thereby grant state accreditation to St. Vincent's College until December 31, 2009, and to forward the item to the Commissioner's Consent Calendar. F. Ridley seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

5. Progress Reports

**a. Gibbs College – Progress report for the licensed program in Computer programming, leading to an Associate of Applied Science degree**

J. Zdanys presented the update, noting that the program has had enrollments consistent with expectations, increased library holdings, and that all of the faculty members have a Master's degree in the appropriate field. The College has implemented all of the recommendations from the Board of Governors' and continues to make appropriate enhancements.

6. Information Items

J. Zdanys presented the monthly update.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonas Zdanys, Secretary