

BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Minutes of the Meeting  
February 16, 2005

Department of Higher Education  
Hartford, CT

Members Present: D. Brennan, J. Gatling, A. Meyer, J. Reynolds,  
A. Vertefeuille

Members Absent: W. Bevacqua, R. Lane, P. McCann Vissepó,  
H. Penner, F. Ridley

Members of the Public: T. Breen, Journal Inquirer; R. Frahm, Hartford Courant;  
T. Mauriello, Republican-American; G. Ragosta, CCIC

1. Call to Order

A. Vertefeuille called the meeting to order at 11:46 a.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

J. Gatling moved and J. Reynolds seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2005 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Participation

None.

4. Report of the Board Chairman

None.

5. Report of the Commissioner

V. Lewis informed the Board that the Department of Higher Education had its Appropriations Committee hearing on February 15. She indicated that on February 18, the Department will make its presentation before the Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education. V. Lewis was pleased to note that state student financial assistance programs were not reduced in the Governor's proposed budget.

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6. Commissioner's Consent Calendar

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

- a) Northwestern Connecticut Community College – accreditation of a program in Allied Health Administration leading to the Associate in Science degree

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors accredit a program in Allied Health Administration leading to the Associate in Science degree, to be offered by Northwestern Connecticut Community College, for a period of time concurrent with institutional accreditation.

- b) St. Joseph College – licensure of a program in Liberal Studies leading to the Bachelor of Arts degree

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors license a program in Liberal Studies leading to the Bachelor of Arts degree, to be offered by St. Joseph College, for a period of three years, until February 28, 2008.

- c) University of Connecticut, Storrs, - licensure of a Bachelor of Science in Allied Health with majors in Rehabilitation Sciences, Diagnostic Sciences, and Health Promotion Science

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors license a program in Allied Health with majors in Rehabilitation Sciences, Diagnostic Science, and Health Science Promotion leading to the Bachelor of Science in Allied Health degree, to be offered by the University of Connecticut, until February 28, 2008.

- d) University of Connecticut, Tri-Campus – licensure of an articulated transfer program in Allied Health Sciences leading to the Bachelor of Science degree

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors license a program in Allied Health leading to the Bachelor of Science degree, to be offered by the University of Connecticut at Tri-Campus, until February 28, 2008.

- e) University of Rhode Island – re-licensure of a program in Chemistry leading to the Master of Science degree, to be offered by the University of Rhode Island at Pfizer Central Research in Groton, Connecticut

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RESOLVED that the Board of Governors re-license a program in Chemistry leading to the Master of Science degree, to be offered by the University of Rhode Island at Pfizer Central Research in Groton, Connecticut, until June 30, 2007.

- f) Williams College-Mystic Seaport Museum, Mystic – re-licensure of a program in American Maritime Studies, leading to a certificate of completion

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors re-license Williams College-Mystic Seaport Museum to offer a program in American Maritime Studies, leading to a certificate of completion for a period of five years, from March 1, 2005, through February 28, 2010.

The motion passed unanimously.

7. Finance and Administration

- a) 2005 Annual Report of the Strategic Plan to Ensure Racial and Ethnic Diversity in Connecticut Public Higher Education

D. Brennan moved and A. Meyer seconded the following motion:

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the 2005 Annual Report on the Board's Strategic Plan to Ensure Racial and Ethnic Diversity in Connecticut Public Higher Education for submission to the Governor, the Connecticut General Assembly and interested parties.

The motion passed unanimously.

- b) 2005 Accountability Report for Higher Education

D. Brennan moved and A. Meyer seconded the following motion:

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors for Higher Education endorse Connecticut's 2005 accountability report for higher education as attached and transmit it to both the Joint Standing Committee on Education and the standing committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement.

The motion passed unanimously.

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- c) Operating Fund Quarterly Reports for the Six-Month Period Ending December 31, 2004

D. Brennan moved and J. Gatling seconded the following motion:

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the operating fund quarterly reports for the six-month period ending December 31, 2004, 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.

The motion passed unanimously.

8. Report of the Standing Advisory Committee

G. Ragosta indicated that the Standing Advisory Committee would like to be kept informed of issues related to academic advising.

9. Other Business

None.

10. Adjournment

W. Bevacqua moved and J. Reynolds seconded the motion to adjourn at 11:51 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  
February 16, 2005

Members Present: D. Brennan, J. Gatling, A. Meyer, J. Reynolds, A. Vertefeuille

Other BGHE

Present: V. Lewis

1. Call to Order

For quorum purposes, all Board members were asked to serve as members of the Finance and Administration Committee. D. Brennan called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.

2. Approval of the Finance & Administration Committee Minutes for the December 15, 2004 Meeting

On a motion made by J. Gatling, seconded by J. Reynolds, the Committee unanimously approved the minutes of the December 15, 2004 meeting.

3. Action Items

- a. 2005 Annual Report of the Strategic Plan to Ensure Racial and Ethnic Diversity in Connecticut Public Higher Education

A. Poole reported that in the early 1980s, the Board of Governors became concerned about the lack of racial and ethnic diversity among students and professional staffs of the state's public colleges and universities. Subsequently, in March 1983, the Board persuaded the state legislature to incorporate the following goals of the strategic plan within the state's general statutes:

1. ensure that students who (a) enroll and (b) graduate from each of the public institutions of higher education are representative of the racial and ethnic diversity of the total population of the state.
2. ensure that individuals who are employed in the professional occupational categories at each of the public institutions of higher education are representative of the racial and ethnic diversity of the total population of the state.

A. Poole reported on strategic plan goal attainment, progress still needed and programmatic initiatives. He reported that the Hispanic/Latino minority group is the only group whose enrollment level does not exceed its population percentage. This group, however, experienced the most growth in enrollment over the past 20 years. He further reported on minority full-time professionals in Connecticut public education. Board members requested additional information on minority students who go forward to get their bachelor's degrees after obtaining their associate's degree.

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On a motion made by J. Gating, seconded by A. Meyer, the Committee unanimously approved the 2005 Annual Report on the Board's Strategic Plan to Ensure Racial and Ethnic Diversity in Connecticut Public Higher Education for submission to the Governor, the Connecticut General Assembly and interested parties.

### b. 2005 Accountability Report for Higher Education

M. Johnson presented the fifth annual accountability report on Connecticut's state system of higher education, as required under Public Acts 00-220 and 01-173. Each constituent unit of higher education is required annually to submit a report to the Commissioner of Higher Education by January 1<sup>st</sup> who, in turn, must compile these reports for submission to the Joint Standing Committee on Education in February.

M. Johnson reported on the statewide goals, common core performance indicators and new measures. The six statewide goals are as follows:

- Enhance Student Learning
- Join with K-12 to Improve Teaching and Learning
- Ensure Access & Affordability
- Promote Economic Development
- Respond to Societal Needs and Problems
- Ensure Resource Efficiency

For the first time this report includes a breakout of retention and graduation rates by ethnic group. There are four new system measures and two new Community-Technical College System measures. Lastly, M. Johnson reported on areas of success and areas needing improvement at each of the constituent units.

Commissioner Lewis emphasized that each individual constituent unit report was developed by that unit. While the Department worked in collaboration with each unit to enhance consistency, clarity and fullness of analyses, the reader will note substantial differences in report focus, style and, in some, case presentation.

On a motion made by A. Meyer, seconded by J. Gatling, the Committee unanimously endorsed Connecticut's 2005 accountability report for higher education as attached and transmit it to both the Joint Standing Committee on Education and the standing committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement.

### c. Operating Fund Quarterly Reports for the Six-Month Period Ending December 31, 2004

M. Johnson reported on revenue and expenditure activity for the six-month period ending December 31, 2004. For the most part both revenue and expenditure activity is about where it is to be expected with a couple of exceptions. She reviewed these exceptions. All units at this point have reported being in compliance with the administrative caps.

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4. Information Item

a. Highlights – FY 2005-07 Operating and Capital Budgets for Higher Education

M. Johnson reported that the Governor's recommended General Fund budget calls for \$1,196.0 million for the FY 2005-07 biennium, including \$595.3 million in FY 2006 and \$600.7 million in FY 2007. It holds student financial aid programs to level funding for both years with the exception of the Capital Scholarship Program which increased \$200,000 to cover the maintenance of effort to receive federal funds. The Governor recommended a one-year tuition freeze for the University of Connecticut, the Connecticut State University and the Community-Technical College System to be funded by the units.

There was considerable discussion regarding the Governor's recommended tuition freeze and the reserve funds at Connecticut's public colleges and universities. Commissioner Lewis remarked that there will be a lot of conversation this legislative session around cost because of the budget proposals that are before higher education. She stated that this budget forces us to come back to the issue of how to keep higher education a real opportunity in Connecticut and the best in the country.

M. Johnson reported that the Governor's recommended general obligation capital budget provides \$328.0 million for the biennium, including \$107.0 million in FY 2006 and \$221.0 million in FY 2007.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary K. Johnson  
Secretary

## ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND PLANNING

### Minutes of the Meeting

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#### Committee

Members Present: A. Meyer, J. Reynolds, A. Vertefeuille

#### Committee

Members Absent: R. Lane, H. Penner, F. Ridley, P. McCann Vissepo

#### Other BGHE

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

#### 1. Call to Order

A. Vertefeuille called the meeting to order at 9:34 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 January 19, 2005 Meeting

On a motion made by A. Meyer, seconded by J. Reynolds, the Committee unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2005 meeting.

#### 3. Commissioner's Consent Calendar

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

**a. Northwestern Connecticut Community College – Accreditation of a program in Allied Health Administration, leading to the Associate in Science degree**

**b. St. Joseph College - Licensure of a program in Liberal Studies, leading to the Bachelor of Arts degree**

**c. University of Connecticut, Storrs – Licensure of a Bachelor of Science in Allied Health with majors in Rehabilitation Sciences, Diagnostic Sciences, and Health Promotion Science**

#### 4. Action Items

**a. Connecticut College – Reaccreditation of the College**

J. Zdanys noted that no representative was present and asked the committee to postpone consideration of the College's application until March. The committee unanimously voted to table this item until the March 16, 2005 meeting.

**b. University of Connecticut, Tri Campus – Licensure of an articulated transfer program in Allied Health Sciences, leading to the Bachelor of Science degree**

J. Zdanys reviewed the staff report and introduced Dr. Suman Singha, Vice Provost, and Dr. Joseph Smey, Dean of the School of Allied Health, who represented the University.

After discussion, A. Meyer moved approval to license a program in Allied Health leading to the Bachelor of Science degree, to be offered by the University of Connecticut at Tri-Campus, until February 28, 2008, and to forward the item to the Commissioner's Consent Calendar. J. Reynolds seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**c. University of Rhode Island – Re-licensure of a program in Chemistry, leading to the Master of Science degree, to be offered by the University of Rhode Island at Pfizer Central Research in Groton, Connecticut**

J. Zdanys reviewed the staff report and introduced Judith Swift, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, and Professor Bill Euler, Chair of the Chemistry Department, who represented the University.

After discussion, A. Meyer moved approval to re-license a program in Chemistry leading to the Master of Science degree, to be offered by the University of Rhode Island at Pfizer Central Research in Groton, Connecticut, until June 30, 2007, and to forward the item to the Commissioner's Consent Calendar. J. Reynolds seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**d. Williams College-Mystic Seaport Museum, Mystic – Re-licensure of a program in American Maritime Studies, leading to a certificate of completion**

J. Zdanys reviewed the staff report and introduced Dr. Jim Carlton, Program Director, who represented the College.

After discussion, A. Meyer moved approval to re-license Williams College-Mystic Seaport Museum to offer a program in American Maritime Studies, leading to a certificate of completion for a period of five years, from March 1, 2005, through February 28, 2010, and to forward the item to the Commissioner's Consent Calendar. J. Reynolds seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

5. Progress Reports

**a. The Graduate Institute – Annual Report**

J. Zdanys presented the report, noting that the Institute has appointed Mr. Michael Adanti as President, to replace Dr. Walter Pawelkiewicz, who resigned December 1, 2004.

6. Information Items

J. Zdanys presented the monthly update.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonas Zdanys, Secretary