

BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Minutes of the Meeting  
September 28, 2005

Connecticut Convention Center  
Hartford, CT

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

Members Absent: W. Aniskovich, W. Bevacqua, D. Brennan, B. Flaherty,  
P. McCann Vissepó

Members of the Public: D. Gregg, SDE; P. Kedderis, BOTCSU; E. Lopez, BOTCSU;  
G. Ragosta, CCIC; B. Richards, HCC; C. Smith, Rowe, Smith and Associates; R. Strauss, CASE; T. Thorington, BOTCSU; M. Werle, CASE

1. Call to Order

H. Penner called the meeting to order at 4:11 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

A. Vertefeuille moved and J. Gatling seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2005 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Participation

None.

4. Report of the Board Chairman

H. Penner noted that a Board retreat was held in August, to orient new Board members and meet staff regarding pending activities and issues of higher education.

H. Penner also noted that the Governor's Call to Action was held on September 27, 2005 at Central Connecticut State University. The symposium focused on the state's perceived educational and business assets and areas of opportunity to improve the state's competitiveness.

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5. Report of the Commissioner

V. Lewis indicated that many of the higher education units had stepped up to the plate in assisting students from the New Orleans area who had been displaced by Hurricane Katrina. She noted that the Institute for Hospitality Management was in New Orleans conducting an alumnae gathering when the storm hit and many of the Institute's students and faculty helped their hotel operating during the crisis.

V. Lewis introduced Mike Werle, President, Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering (CASE). The Commissioner noted that CASE is a statutory partner in the BGHE job of awarding the state's medals of science and technology. Dr. Werle gave a brief overview of CASE noting that it is a private, non-profit, public service institution. The Academy was created in 1976 by a special act of the legislature and its members are 200 distinguished Connecticut scientists and engineers. He indicated that the top three tasks of CASE is 1) advise government leaders; 2) inform Connecticut's citizenry on science and technology topics; and 3) strengthen Connecticut's student science and technology programs.

Dr. Werle stated that at the Alliance for Connecticut Technology Innovation Day and Award Dinner, Professor William Stwalley, University of Connecticut will be awarded the 2005 Connecticut Medal of Science by Governor M. Jodi Rell.

6. Commissioner's Consent Calendar

J. Reynolds moved and F. Ridley seconded the motion to approve the extended Commissioner's Consent Calendar, consisting of the following:

- a) Gateway Community College – accreditation of an AC DELCO Technical Service Education program, leading to a certificate

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the accreditation of an AC DELCO Technical Service Education program, leading to a certificate, to be offered by the Gateway Community College, for a period concurrent with the College accreditation.

- b) Mitchell College – accreditation of a program in Business Administration, leading to the Bachelor of Science degree

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors for Higher Education accredit a program in Business Administration, leading to the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree, offered by Mitchell College, for a period of time concurrent with institutional accreditation.

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- c) Mitchell College – accreditation of a program in Sports Management, leading to the Bachelor of Science degree

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors for Higher Education accredit a program in Sport Management, leading to the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree, offered by Mitchell College, for a period of time concurrent with institutional accreditation.

- d) Southern Connecticut State University – modification of a program in Media Studies, leading to the Bachelor of Science degree

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve Southern Connecticut State University to modify a program in Media Studies, leading to a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree for a period concurrent with institutional accreditation.

- e) Appointments to the Advisory Committee on Accreditation

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors for Higher Education appoint to the Advisory Committee on Accreditation the members and alternates identified in the staff report for a term until August 2008, and authorize the Commissioner to make interim appointments to fill vacancies that may occur during the coming year.

- f) Western Connecticut State University – extension of licensure of the program to Professional Writing, leading to the Master of Fine Arts degree

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors for Higher Education extend the licensure of the program in Professional Writing, leading to the Master of Fine Arts (MFA) degree, offered by Western Connecticut State University, for a period of eighteen months, until March 31, 2007 and that the University be required to provide the Department of Higher Education with its application for accreditation of the program no later than October 1, 2006.

- g) Endorsement of New Set of Peer Institutions for the University of Connecticut and Central, Eastern, Southern and Western Connecticut State Universities

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors for Higher Education endorse the new set of peer institutions for the University of Connecticut, Central Connecticut State University, Eastern Connecticut State University, Southern Connecticut State University and Western Connecticut State University. In addition, for consistency, transparency and continuity in message, it is important that the constituent units accept and use these newly endorsed peer groups when speaking to internal and external audiences to avoid unnecessary confusion created by introducing other variations of these peer groups.

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- h) Operating Fund Quarterly Reports for the Twelve-Month Period Ending June 30, 2005

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the operating fund quarterly reports for the twelve-month period ending June 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) Department of Higher Education's 2005 Affirmative Action Plan

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the draft of the 2005 Affirmative Action Plan and authorize the Commissioner to approve the final draft of the 2005 report for submission to the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities on or before October 15, 2005

The motion passed unanimously.

7. Report of the Standing Advisory Committee

G. Ragosta indicated that the Standing Advisory Committee would like to meet with the Board of Governors possibly in November to discuss high school student transition to college.

8. Other Business

None.

9. Adjournment

H. Penner moved and W. Bevacqua seconded the motion to adjourn at 4:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Constance Fraser  
Secretary

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND PLANNING  
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Committee

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

Committee

Members Absent: R. Lane, P. McCann Vissepo

Other BGHE

Members Present: J. Gatling, V. Lewis

1. Call to Order

Chairman Vertefeuille called the meeting to order at 3:09 p.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 June 15, 2005 Meeting

On a motion made by F. Ridley, seconded by J. Gatling, the Committee voted to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2005 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Commissioner's Consent Calendar

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

- a. Gateway Community College – Accreditation of an AC DELCO Technical Service Education program, leading to a certificate**
- b. Mitchell College – Accreditation of a program in Business Administration, leading to the Bachelor of Science degree**
- c. Mitchell College – Accreditation of a program in Sport Management, leading to the Bachelor of Science degree**
- d. Southern Connecticut State University – Modification of a program in Media Studies, leading to the Bachelor of Arts degree**
- e. Appointments to the Advisory Committee on Accreditation**

4. Action Items

- a. Goodwin College – Licensure of a program in Early Childhood Education, leading to the Associate in Science degree and Certificate in Early Childhood Education**

J. Zdanys noted that no representative was present and asked the committee to postpone consideration of the College's application until October. The committee unanimously voted to table this item until the October 19, 2005 meeting.

**b. Western Connecticut State University – Extension of licensure of the program in Professional Writing, leading to the Master of Fine Arts degree**

J. Zdanys reviewed the staff report and introduced Ellen Durnin, Dean of Graduate Studies and External Programs, and Brian Clements, Program Director, who represented the University.

After discussion, F. Ridley moved to extend the licensure of the program in Professional Writing, leading to the Master of Fine Arts (MFA) degree, offered by Western Connecticut State University, for a period of eighteen months, until March 31, 2007, and that the University be required to provide the Department of Higher Education with its application for accreditation of the program no later than October 1, 2006. Mr. Ridley also moved to forward the item to the Commissioner's Consent Calendar. J. Gatling seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

5. Information Items

J. Zdanys updated the Board on the work of the Connecticut Taskforce on the Cost of College Textbooks and invited all to attend the Textbook Summit being held at the Legislative Office Building on Thursday, October 6, 2005.

J. Zdanys presented the Board with information and copies of White Papers for Education and Business for the CONNvene Summit, which will be hosted by Governor M. Jodi Rell on October 26, 2005.

J. Zdanys presented an update on Field Experience and Clinical Practice Placements by Out-of-State Educator Preparation Programs, as well as the monthly update.

6. Other Business

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8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonas Zdanys, Secretary