

BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Minutes of the Meeting
March 15, 2006

Department of Higher Education
Hartford, CT

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

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

Members of the Public: T. Beibe, SIUC; B. Frahm, Hartford Courant; E. Lopez, CSU;
G. Ragosta, CCIC; S. Reitz, AP Wire; A. Sturtz, CSU

1. Call to Order

F. Ridley called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

B. Flaherty moved and J. Gatling seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2006 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Participation

None.

4. Report of the Board Chairman

H. Penner thanked staff for their reports as well as the constituent units for their data contributions.

5. Report of the Commissioner

Commissioner Lewis informed the Board that she has been asked to represent the New England SHEEOs, along with Stephen Reno, Chancellor of the New Hampshire system, to testify at the public hearing before the U.S. Secretary of Education's Commission on the Future of Higher Education which will be held March 20 in Boston. The testimony will address accessibility, affordability, accountability, and quality.

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V. Lewis noted that the Department's annual accountability report on Connecticut's system of higher education, *Higher Education Counts – Achieving Results*, is included in Board materials.

V. Lewis reported that the Department of Higher Education has awarded \$848,681 to seven projects under the Teacher Quality Partnership Grant Program and thanked Connie Fraser for managing this program. Seven projects were selected from 17 applications. Grants were awarded to Albertus Magnus College, Central Connecticut State University, the Connecticut Academy for Education, Eastern Connecticut State University, Saint Joseph College, the University of Connecticut, and Western Connecticut State University.

She also thanked Jane Ciarleglio, Arthur Poole and the GearUP staff for their participation in the Bridgeport Higher Education Alliance meeting. They met with area college presidents and administrators, as well as with Bridgeport Schools Superintendent John Ramos, to discuss how they can work together to ensure students continue onto college.

V. Lewis called attention to the Department's full report on 2005 enrollment. Of particular interest is the fact that women are enrolling in record numbers at public and private colleges across in the state, with 4% fewer men enrolled in our colleges since 1976.

J. Ciarleglio provided a brief update on the legislative session noting that many bills still need to go before the Appropriations Committee.

6. Commissioner's Consent Calendar

A. Vertefeuille moved and F. Ridley 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 Educational Technology, leading to a Master of Science degree, to be offered on campus and on-line

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors for Higher Education accredit a program in Educational Technology, leading to a Master of Science degree, to be offered on campus and on-line by Eastern Connecticut State University, concurrent with institutional accreditation.

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- b) Quinnipiac University – accreditation of a program in Interactive Digital Design, leading to a Bachelor of Arts degree

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors for Higher Education accredit a program in Interactive Digital Design, leading to the Bachelor of Arts degree, to be offered by Quinnipiac University, for a period of time concurrent with institutional accreditation.

- c) University of Connecticut, Storrs, and Regional Campus at Avery Point and Stamford – accreditation of a program in American Studies, leading to the Bachelor of Arts degree

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors for Higher Education accredit a program in American Studies, leading to the Bachelor of Arts degree, offered by the University of Connecticut in Storrs and at the University's regional campuses at Avery Point and Stamford, for a period of time concurrent with institutional accreditation.

- d) University of Connecticut, Storrs – accreditation of a program in Art History, leading a Master of Arts degree

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors for Higher Education accredit a program in Art History, leading to the Master of Arts degree, offered by the University of Connecticut, for a period of time concurrent with institutional accreditation.

- e) Briarwood College – licensure of a program in Nuclear Medicine Technology, leading to the Associate of Applied Science degree or a certificate

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors for Higher approve the licensure of a program in Nuclear Medicine Technology leading to the Associate of Applied Science degree to be offered by Briarwood College, from April 1, 2006 through March 31, 2008, with the stipulation that the program must be accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine (JRC) by the time the program applies for accreditation by the Board of Governors for Higher Education.

- f) Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Carbondale, IL – continued licensure of a Program of Studies, leading to a Bachelor of Science in Workforce Education and Development, offered at the Naval Submarine Base in Groton, CT

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors for Higher Education license Southern Illinois University at Carbondale for a period of three years, to offer a program of studies leading to a B.S. degree in Workforce Education and Development at the Naval Submarine Base in Groton, Connecticut, until March 2009.

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- g) University of Hartford – licensure of a program in Aural Habilitation and Education of Hearing Impaired Children, leading to the M.Ed. degree

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors for Higher Education license a program in Aural Habilitation and Education of Hearing Impaired Children, leading to the M.Ed. degree, to be offered by the University of Hartford until March 2009.

- h) Employee Travel Reimbursement Policy

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the Department of Higher Education Employee Travel Reimbursement Policy as presented in Exhibit A (on file).

- i) 2006 Annual Report of the Strategic Plan to Ensure Racial and Ethnic Diversity in Connecticut Public Higher Education

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the 2006 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 and direct the Department of Higher Education to request of the governor and the state legislature a doubling of the state's allocation for the Minority Advancement Program for the 2007-09 biennium based upon the state's need to eradicate the achievement gap and restructure and/or expand the scope of the ConnCAP and ConnCAS programs to increase the number of targeted students prepared to enter and succeed in college.

7. Report of the Standing Advisory Committee

G. Ragosta indicated that the Standing Advisory Committee would like to meet with the Board of Governors at their May meeting to discuss student academic advising.

8. Other Business

None.

9. Adjournment

J. Gatling moved and D. Brennan seconded the motion to adjourn at 11:48 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
March 15, 2006

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

1. Call to Order

F. Ridley called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. and asked that all members of the Board serve as members of the Finance & Administration Committee for the day.

2. Approval of the Finance & Administration Committee Minutes for the February 15, 2006 Meeting

On a motion made by J. Gatling, seconded by A. Vertefeuille, the Committee unanimously approved the minutes of the February 15, 2006 meeting.

3. Action Item

- a. 2006 Annual Report of the Strategic Plan to Ensure Racial and Ethnic Diversity in Connecticut Public Higher Education

A. Poole presented the *2006 Annual Report of the Strategic Plan to Ensure Racial and Ethnic Diversity in Connecticut Public Higher Education*. The report highlights the degree to which the state's diversity goals have been achieved and activities undertaken over the course of the previous year. He reported on strategic plan goal attainment, progress still needed and programmatic initiatives.

In fall 2005 minorities numbered 23,537 or 24.9 percent of all undergraduate students enrolled in the state's public institutions of higher education exceeding their proportional presence in the state's population for the eighth consecutive year. A. Poole noted, however, that in recent years the growth rate of minority students has slowed somewhat. Hispanic/Latino is the only minority group whose overall enrollment level has not reached its proportion of the state's population. Hispanic/Latino and African American students are overrepresented in their enrollment at community colleges and underrepresented at universities.

The number of minority students who received undergraduate degrees grew to 2,202 or 17.9 percent of all undergraduate degrees during the 2004-05 academic year. While the number of minority degree recipients is an all-time high, the proportion of minority degree recipients actually declined from an all-time high of 18.5 percent achieved the previous year.

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Disproportionate numbers of Hispanic/Latino and African American students who enroll in college fail to attain an undergraduate degree.

There was a brief discussion concerning the need to help the low-income population find their way through education.

On a motion made by H. Penner, seconded by J. Gatling, the Committee unanimously voted to approve the 2006 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 and direct the Department of Higher Education to request of the Governor and the state legislature a doubling of the state's allocation for the Minority Advancement Program for the 2007-09 biennium based upon the state's need to eradicate the achievement gap and restructure and/or expand the scope of the ConnCAP and ConnCAS programs to increase the number of targeted students prepared to enter and succeed in college and forward the item to the full Board's Consent Calendar.

4. Commissioner's Consent Calendar

On a motion made by J. Gatling, seconded by A. Vertefeuille, the Committee unanimously voted to approve the Commissioner's consent calendar and forward the following item to the full Board's Consent Calendar:

a. Employee Travel Reimbursement Policy

5. Information Item

a. Connecticut Higher Education – 2006 System Trends

M. Johnson presented a report recently prepared by the Department entitled, *Connecticut Higher Education – 2006 System Trends*, which is a compilation of a variety of recent trends in public higher education. This report responds to many questions asked of the Department each year by the legislature and the Governor's office.

M. Johnson highlighted several sections of the report such as the Governor's recommended budget for Connecticut higher education, expenditure trends, funding indicators, tuition and fees, student and state share of costs, student financial aid and the capital budget for Connecticut public higher education.

There was a brief discussion on Connecticut student financial aid. It was suggested that a future meeting take place focusing on student financial aid.

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6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:29.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary K. Johnson
Secretary

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND PLANNING
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Committee

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

Committee

Members Absent: W. Aniskovich, 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 9:33 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 February 15, 2006 Meeting

On a motion made by F. Ridley, seconded by B. Flaherty, the Committee voted to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2006 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Commissioner's Consent Calendar

On a motion made by B. Flaherty, seconded by J. Gatling, 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 Educational Technology, leading to the Master of Science (M.S.) degree, to be offered on campus and on-line

b. Quinnipiac University – Accreditation of a program in Interactive Digital Design, leading to the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree

c. University of Connecticut, Storrs, and Regional Campuses at Avery Point and Stamford – Accreditation of a program in American Studies, leading to the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree

d. University of Connecticut, Storrs – Accreditation of a program in Art History, leading to the Master of Arts (M.A.) degree

4. Action Items

a. Briarwood College – Licensure of a program in Nuclear Medicine Technology, leading to the Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree or a certificate

J. Zdanys reviewed the staff report and introduced President Lynn Brooks and Angela Kiernan, Division Chair of Allied Health, who represented the College.

After discussion, F. Ridley moved to license a program in Nuclear Medicine Technology leading to the Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree to be offered by Briarwood College, from April 1, 2006 through, March 31, 2008, with the stipulation that the program must be accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine (JRC) by the time the program applies for accreditation by the Board of Governors for Higher Education, and to forward the item to the Commissioner's Consent Calendar. B. Flaherty seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

b. Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Carbondale, IL – Continued licensure of a program of studies, leading to a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree in Workforce Education and Development, offered at the Naval Submarine Base in Groton, CT

J. Zdanys reviewed the staff report and introduced Thomas Beebe, Director of Military Programs, who represented the University.

After discussion, J. Gatling moved to license Southern Illinois University at Carbondale for a period of three years, to offer a program of studies leading to a B.S. degree in Workforce Education and Development at the Naval Submarine Base in Groton, Connecticut, until March 2009, and to forward the item to the Commissioner's Consent Calendar. B. Flaherty seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

c. University of Hartford – Licensure of a program in Aural Habilitation and Education of Hearing Impaired Children, leading to the M.Ed. degree

J. Zdanys reviewed the staff report. The University was represented by Regina Miller, Associate Professor of Education.

After discussion, F. Ridley moved to license a program in Aural Habilitation and Education of Hearing Impaired Children, leading to the M.Ed. degree, to be offered by the University of Hartford until March 2009, and to forward the item to the Commissioner's Consent Calendar. J. Gatling seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

4. Information Items

Commissioner Lewis provided a summary of the report of the Committee on Educational Technology. J. Zdanys then presented a report of the work of the Department's Committee on Content for the Connecticut Education Network.

J. Zdanys presented the monthly update.

7. Other Business

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8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonas Zdanys, Secretary