

# BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Minutes of the Meeting  
November 15, 2006

Rensselaer at Hartford  
Hartford, CT

## Members

Present: W. Aniskovich, W. Bevacqua, H. Penner, J. Reynolds, F. Ridley, A. Vertefeuille

## Members

Absent: D. Brennan, B. Flaherty, J. Gatling, R. Hollander

Members of the Public: S. Adams, COSC; B. Carlson, UConn; D. Carter, CSU; M. Collins, BOTCTC; M. Cox, BOTCTC; P. Decker, UCHC; J. Ferraiolo, CSU; R. Frahm, Hartford Courant; M. Harris, COSC; G. Hayden, CTDLC; P. Kedderis, CSU; L. Kittlitz, BOTCTC; R. Lubin, CSU; V. Makowsky, UConn; P. Nicholls, UConn; J. Noonan, OPM; G. Ragosta, CCIC; B. Richards, HCC; P. Susen, BOTCTC; D. Upton, UCHC, C. Williams, COSC; M. Woodman, COSC

## 1. Call to Order

H. Penner called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. A. Vertefeuille moved, and F. Ridley seconded the motion, to approve the action items from the October 19, 2006 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

## 2. Approval of the Board Minutes of the October 19, 2006 Meeting

A. Vertefeuille moved, and F. Ridley seconded the motion, to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2006 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

## 3. Public Participation

None.

## 4. Report of Board Chairman

Chairman Penner thanked Rensselaer for hosting the Board meeting. He informed the Board that Commissioner Lewis was absent due to a Commissioners' meeting called by the Governor and would join the meeting later.

## 5. Report of the Commissioner

V. Lewis updated the Board on the Commissioners' meeting at which the Governor's staff discussed the development of the state budget. Staff reminded Commissioners of the competing demands placed on the budget, and urged agency heads to be very specific in documenting the both the need and outcomes of requests for additional funds.

6. Commissioner's Consent Calendar

On a motion made by A. Vertefeulle, seconded by J. Reynolds, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following items:

- a. Gibbs College – licensure of a program in Retail Merchandising, leading to the Master of Science degree
- b. St. Joseph College – licensure of an on-line Program in Nutrition, leading to the Master of Science degree
- c. Endowed Chair Investment Fund Annual Expenditure Reports
- d. Operating Fund Quarterly Reports for the Three-Month Period Ending September 30, 2006
- e. 2006 Annual Report of the Connecticut Higher Education Trust (CHET)

7. Academic Affairs and Planning Items

Action Items

- a. Cambridge College, Cambridge, Massachusetts – Authorization to place students enrolled in M.Ed. educator preparation programs for required field experience and clinical practice in Connecticut Schools

J. Zdanys reviewed the staff report and introduced Patricia Crutchfield, Director of the Springfield Site, who represented the College.

After discussion, J. Reynolds moved to grant approval to Cambridge College to place students enrolled in the College's M.Ed. program for the required field experience and clinical practice in Connecticut schools, for a period of five years, from November 1, 2006 through October 31, 2011. F. Ridley seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

- b. St. Joseph College – Licensure of a program in Latino Community Practice, leading to a Graduate Certificate

J. Zdanys reviewed the staff report. The College was represented by Billye Auclair, Acting President and Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Teresa Sarmiento, Assistant Professor, Social Work Department.

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After discussion, J. Reynolds moved to license a program in Latino Community Practice, leading to a Graduate Certificate, to be offered by St. Joseph College, for a period of three years, until November 30, 2009. F. Ridley seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

- c. University of Bridgeport – Accreditation of a program in Martial Arts Studies, leading to the Bachelor of Arts degree

J. Zdanys reviewed the staff report and introduced Thomas Ward, Dean of the International College, and Mark Setton, Director of Martial Arts Studies, who represented the University.

After discussion, J. Reynolds moved to accredit a program in Martial Arts Studies, leading to the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree, to be offered by the University of Bridgeport, for a period of time concurrent with institutional accreditation. ? seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Progress Report

- a. Gibbs College – progress report on the program in Computer Programming, leading to an Associate of Applied Science degree

J. Zdanys reviewed the progress report and noted that the College has not had additional enrollments in the program and will not be seeking accreditation of this program.

8. Information Item

- a. Monthly Update

J. Zdanys gave a brief overview of the Monthly Update.

9. Finance and Administration

Constituent Unit Budget Presentations

M. Johnson stated that the main focus of the presentations will be on each constituent unit's requested state support beyond what the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) has defined as current services otherwise known as expansion options. She reported that OPM is asking the Department to coordinate a systemwide request for energy funding and operating and maintenance costs of new facilities. With regard to energy, OPM agreed to consider the Department's option to recover the E&G energy shortfall experienced by all the units last year.

These were estimated to be \$13.4 million for FY 2008 and \$18.3 million for FY 2009. The Department is still finalizing the O&M projected need.

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### a. Charter Oak State College

Merle Harris, Executive Director, Board of State Academic Awards (BSAA), and President, Charter Oak State College (COSC) reported on investment, highlights, budget factors and expansion options for both COSC and the CT Distance Learning Consortium (CTDLC). Expansion options address early childhood/youth development, CT-WAGE partnership between the Connecticut Community Colleges and COSC, healthcare shortages and Connecticut's business needs. The CTDLC is requesting a Connecticut Virtual Learning Center expansion option.

### b. University of Connecticut and UConn Health Center

Peter Nicholls, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, University of Connecticut (UConn), reported on the institutional priorities at UConn. The institutional priorities include 1) an eminent faculty program which includes alternative fuels, nanotechnology, cancer – chemotherapy control and functional food and diets programs and 2) 175 full-time faculty positions to be phased in over five years to lower to student-faculty ratios, reduce the number of adjuncts and address workforce development issues. There was some discussion regarding the University's tuition increase proposal which will be used for student financial aid and filling faculty positions if no funding is forthcoming from the state.

The University is requesting \$13.5 million in FY 2008 and \$20 million in FY 2009 added to the Health Center state appropriation to fund the Academic Gap. Peter Deckers, Executive Vice President for Health Affairs, UConn Health Center, gave a budget update and reported on the Academic Gap. The Academic Gap represents the difference between the costs of the academic and research enterprise and the revenues associated with the schools and research. The John Dempsey Hospital surplus has been able to fill that gap due to improved operating results in previous years, but the Hospital's ability to continue to fill the gap is unlikely. If unfilled, the Academic Gap would grow to over \$20 million in FY 2009.

### c. Connecticut State University

David Carter, Chancellor, Connecticut State University (CSU), reported that CSU has requested state funding support above current services in FY 2007-09 to fund operations and maintenance costs of new General Fund buildings, which has not kept pace with the square footage expansion and to provide an addition to the General Fund appropriation base to reflect the permanent increase in energy costs experienced over the past year. He added that there remains a persistent need for new faculty and instructional and student support staff to meet the needs of the growing student population and workforce needs of tomorrow. He further reviewed CSU's record breaking enrollment and its biennial capital budget request for FY 2007-09.

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d. Community-Technical College System

Paul Susen, Chief Academic Officer, Community-Technical College System reported on record enrollment, demographic trends and budget expansion options for FY 2007-09. Expansion options include a full-time faculty target plan, non-faculty academic and student support services, workforce development programming, student financial aid – CT –Wage and Connecticut Aid to Public College Students (CAPCS) and operation and maintenance of facilities.

Action Items

e. FY 2007-09 Biennial Capital Budget Request

M. Johnson reported that the consolidated budget calls for new authorizations of \$154.5 million for 30 projects in FY 2008 and \$194.6 million for 17 projects in FY 2009. Combined with existing authorizations accorded to the University of Connecticut and the University of Connecticut Health Center under 21<sup>st</sup> Century UConn, the system capital budget for the next two years totals \$624.2 million for 53 projects. The Department has evaluated all budget submissions and has discussed the budget requests with both OPM and the constituent units.

On a motion made by W. Bevacqua, seconded by J. Reynolds, the Board unanimously voted to endorse the FY 2007-09 Biennial Capital Budget request. In addition, it is recommended that the Governor and General Assembly use the Board of Governor's 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.

Information Item

f. Fall 2006 College and University Headcount in Connecticut

J. Pothier reported that the total headcount enrollment at Connecticut's colleges and universities reached 175,560 students in fall 2006, a fifth consecutive record year. The increase of 2,287 students over fall 2005 is the ninth consecutive year of growth. He reviewed the percent change variations and average annual growth rates.

10. Other Business

11. Adjournment

A. Vertefeuille moved and F. Ridley seconded the motion to adjourn at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Constance Fraser

Secretary