

BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Minutes of the Meeting  
January 11, 2006

Legislative Office Building  
Hartford, CT

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

Members Absent: W. Aniskovich, B. Flaherty, P. McCann Vissepó,  
A. Vertefeuille

Members of the Public: Sr. Brantl, Albertus Magnus College; G. Ragosta, CCIC;  
B. Richards, HCC

1. Call to Order

H. Penner called the meeting to order at 12:42 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

W. Bevacqua moved and J. Gatling seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2005 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Participation

None.

4. Report of the Board Chairman

Chairman Penner commended both Commissioner Betty Sternberg, State Department of Education and Commissioner Valerie Lewis for the informative joint meeting which had taken place earlier in the day for the purpose of reviewing the research report, "First Steps: An Evaluation of the Success of Connecticut Students Beyond High School", which is available on the Department's website, [www.ctdhe.org](http://www.ctdhe.org). He state his hopes to have continuing opportunity to hold future joint meetings on other topics.

5. Report of the Commissioner

In light of the time, Commissioner Lewis chose to hold her report to the next meeting.

6. Commissioner's Consent Calendar

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

- a) LymeAcademy College of Fine Arts – accreditation of a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate Program in Fine Arts

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors for Higher Education accredit a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate Program in Fine Arts leading, offered by LymeAcademy College of Fine Arts, for a period of time concurrent with institutional accreditation.

- b) University of Bridgeport – accreditation of a program in Instructional Technology, leading to the Master of Science degree

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors for Higher Education accredit a program in Instructional Technology, leading to the Master of Science degree, to be offered by the University of Bridgeport, for a period of time concurrent with institutional accreditation.

- c) University of Hartford – licensure of a concentration in Montessori Primary Education within the M.Ed. in Early Childhood Education program

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors for Higher Education license a program in Montessori Primary Education within the M. Ed. in Early Childhood Education, to be offered by the University of Hartford, until January 2008.

- d) Western Connecticut State University – approval of a program modification in the program in Community Health, leading to the Bachelor of Science degree

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the program modification in the Program in Community Health, offered by Western Connecticut State University, leading to the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree.

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- e) Albertus Magnus College – accreditation of an Associate of Science and a Bachelor of Science in Management offered by the College, through its New Dimensions program, at Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield in North Haven and extension of licensure of a licensure of a Master of Science in Management offered by the College, through its New Dimensions program, at Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield in North Haven

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors for Higher Education accredit a program in Management, leading to the Associate of Science (A.S.) and the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degrees, offered by Albertus Magnus College through its New Dimensions program at Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield in North Haven. It is also resolved that the Board of Governors for Higher Education extend the licensure of the Master of Science (M.S.) in Management, offered by the College through its New Dimensions program at Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield in North Haven, until April 2007 and that the Board of Governors for Higher Education require Albertus Magnus College to submit a report to the Department of Higher Education by April 1, 2006 detailing the status of the M.S. program at Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield in North Haven.

- f) Goodwin College - reaccreditation

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors for Higher Education grant accreditation to Goodwin College until January 31, 2011.

- g) Goodwin College – extension of licensure of a program in Human Services, leading to the Associate of Science degree, a certificate in Youth Development, or a certificate in Non-Profit Management

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors for Higher Education extend the licensure of a program in Human Services, leading to the Associate of Science (A.S.) degree, a certificate in Youth Development, or a certificate in Non-Profit Management, offered by Goodwin College, until February 28, 2007. It is also resolved that the Board of Governors for Higher Education require the College to submit a progress report updating its success in all of the areas stipulated by the Board of Governors at the time of licensure and detailed in the College's report to the Department of Higher Education in March 2005; such a progress report should be submitted to the Department of Higher Education by April 1, 2006. Finally, it is resolved that the Board of Governors for Higher Education require the College to submit its application for accreditation of the program by October 1, 2006; that application will serve as the final program progress report as well.

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- h) Post University – licensure of a program in Human Services, leading to the Master of Science degree, to be offered on-line and on-campus

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors for Higher Education license a program in Human Services, leading to the Master of Science degree, to be offered on-line and on-campus, by Post University, until January 31, 2008.

- i) University of Connecticut – accreditation of a program in Accounting (on-line), leading to a Master of Science degree

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors for Higher Education accredit a program in Accounting, offered on-line by the University of Connecticut, leading to the Master of Science (M.S.) degree, for a period of time concurrent with institutional accreditation.

- j) University of Connecticut – accreditation of a program in Applied Financial Mathematics, leading to a Professional Master of Science degree

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors for Higher Education accredit a program in Applied Financial Mathematics, offered by the University of Connecticut, leading to the Master of Science (M.S.) degree, for a period of time concurrent with institutional accreditation.

The motion passed unanimously.

- k) University of Connecticut – accreditation of a program in Applied Genomics, leading to the Master of Science degree

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors for Higher Education accredit a program in Applied Genomics, offered by the University of Connecticut, leading to the Master of Science (M.S.) degree, for a period of time concurrent with institutional accreditation.

- l) University of Rhode Island – approval to offer a course, for undergraduate and graduate credit, as appropriate, at the Peabody Museum in New Haven

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors for Higher Education authorize the University of Rhode Island to offer the course “The Way We Work to Live; Issues in Biotechnology” at the Peabody Museum in New Haven and through other synchronous and asynchronous modes of delivery, for credit at the undergraduate and graduate levels, as appropriate, during the Spring 2006 semester.

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- m) Yale University – approval to offer a Master of Arts degree in Urban Education Studies

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve a program in Urban Education Studies, to be offered by Yale University, leading to the Master of Arts (M.A.) degree, for a period of time concurrent with institutional accreditation.

7. Report of the Standing Advisory Committee

G. Ragosta informed Board members that the Standing Advisory Committee is discussing the creation of an inventory or database of articulation agreements in the state. She also indicated that a subcommittee is being formed to review the by-laws of the Standing Advisory Committee.

8. Other Business

On a motion made by H. Penner, seconded by F. Ridley, the Board unanimously voted to enter into Executive Session at 12:47 p.m. for a discussion and review of the proposed union contract between the Board and its unionized employees who are represented by AFSCME.

The Committee returned to public session at 12:53 p.m.

9. Adjournment

J. Gatling moved and J. Reynolds seconded the motion to adjourn at 12:54 p.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 21, 2005

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

Other BGHE Present V. Lewis, J. Reynolds

1. Call to Order

W. Bevacqua called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

2. Approval of the Finance & Administration Committee Minutes for the November 16, 2005 Meeting

On a motion made by F. Ridley, seconded by H. Penner, the Committee unanimously approved the minutes of the November 16, 2005 meeting.

3. Executive Session – Review of Commissioner’s Contract

On a motion made by H. Penner, seconded by F. Ridley, the Committee unanimously voted to enter into Executive Session at 10:04 a.m. for review of the Commissioner’s contract.

The Committee returned to public session at 10:25 a.m.

On a motion, made by H. Penner, seconded by F. Ridley, 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, unanimously voted to approve the offer of a continuing contract to Commissioner Valerie F. Lewis with a compensation adjustment as detailed in Exhibit A, effective retroactively to July 1, 2005.

It was noted the salary increase is not only in recognition of the Commissioner’s outstanding performance as discussed by this Board in Executive Session, but in recognition of the need to compensate the Commissioner appropriately relative to other commissioners of the state.

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4. Commissioner's Consent Calendar

a. Board of Governors Discretionary Fund

On a motion made by J. Gatling, seconded by H. Penner, the Committee unanimously voted to forward this item to the full Board's Consent Calendar.

5. Action Item

a. New System Level Performance Indicator – Research Intensity

M. Johnson reported that the Department is requesting the addition of a new research performance indicator at the system level to the annual accountability reporting system. The new indicator will measure the “research intensity” of Connecticut's higher education system based on the level of academic research and development (R&D) expenditures per \$1,000 of gross state product (GSP). In addition, Connecticut's national rank will be reported as a comparison for benchmarking. Of the six statutorily defined state level goals, the new indicator will be slotted under Goal 4.

T. Mangiafico presented 2003 data on United States R&D expenditures by sector, Connecticut's total R&D expenditures, a breakdown of R&D expenditures at Connecticut higher education institutions and national rankings of Connecticut institutions. In 1994, the research intensity for Connecticut was \$3.33 with a national rank of 18 before falling to a low in 1999 of \$2.78 with a national rank of 32. Since 1999, Connecticut's ratio has recovered slightly increasing to \$3.42 and a national rank of 29.

Committee members expressed their concern over Connecticut not keeping pace with the rest of the nation. Commissioner Lewis spoke about a piece of legislation that calls for an innovation network. She reported that the initial work is to call the research universities and other partners to the table to explore the obstacles and what it will take to increase Connecticut's rank. She noted that this data will be shared with the Governor's Office, the Office of Workforce Competitiveness and the Department of Economic & Community Development. She asked Board members to form a list of topics that would profit from some discussion of faculty and at the highest levels of leadership in higher education in the state.

On a motion made by J. Gatling, seconded by H. Penner, the Committee unanimously voted to endorse Research Intensity (Academic Research and Development Expenditures per \$1,000 of Gross State Product) as a new System Level Measure under Goal 4 – Economic Development of the Higher Education Accountability Program.

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6. Information Item

a. 2004-05 Degrees Conferred by Connecticut Institutions

J. Pothier presented a report entitled, *2004-05 Degrees Conferred by Connecticut Institutions of Higher Education*. He reported that Connecticut colleges and universities awarded 34,582 degrees and certificates in 2004-05, an increase of 2.7 percent from 2003-04, making it the fourth consecutive year of growth. The two largest producers were UConn and Yale with 28 percent of all degrees. He further reported on degrees by level and sector; degrees to minorities and women and degrees by key cluster areas, health professions and teacher preparation. In conclusion the following points were made:

- Degree production is up, but not enough in some areas, particularly in nursing and teacher shortage disciplines.
- The public sector regained the majority of awards from privates.
- Women earned 60 percent of all degrees
- Minority students are making strides, but are short of representation within population.

There was some discussion regarding the greater disparities among minority success from enrollment to completion.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary K. Johnson

Secretary

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND PLANNING

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Committee

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

Committee

Members Absent: W. Aniskovich, B. Flaherty, A. Vertefeuille, P. McCann Vissepo

Other BGHE

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

1. Call to Order

F. Ridley called the meeting to order at 12:15 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 December 21, 2005 Meeting

On a motion made by J. Reynolds, seconded by W. Bevacqua, the Committee voted to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2005 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Commissioner's Consent Calendar

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

**a. Lyme Academy College of Fine Art – Accreditation of a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate Program in Fine Art**

**b. University of Bridgeport – Accreditation of a program in Instructional Technology, leading to the Master of Science degree**

**c. University of Hartford – Licensure of a concentration in Montessori Primary Education within the M. Ed. in Early Childhood Education program**

**d. Western Connecticut State University – Approval of a program modification in the program in Community Health, leading to the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree**

4. Action Items

Due to time constraints, Jonas Zdanys requested that the Board of Governors for Higher Education move the following items directly to the Commissioner's Consent Calendar, without further review.

**University of Connecticut – Accreditation of a program in Accounting, offered online, leading to a Master of Science (M.S.) degree**

**University of Connecticut – Accreditation of a program in Applied Financial Mathematics, leading to a Professional Master of Science (M.S.) degree**

**University of Connecticut – Accreditation of a program in Applied Genomics, leading to the Master of Science (M.S.) degree**

**Yale University – Approval to offer a Master of Arts degree in Urban Education**

J. Reynolds moved to place the items directly on the Commissioner's Consent Calendar. W. Bevacqua seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

**a. Albertus Magnus College – Accreditation of an Associate of Science (A.S.) and a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Management offered by the College, through its New Dimensions program, at Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield in North Haven and extension of licensure of a Master of Science (M.S.) in Management offered by the College, through its New Dimensions program at Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield in North Haven**

J. Zdanys reviewed the staff report and introduced Sister Charles Marie Brantl, Director of Assessment and Institutional Affairs, who represented the College.

After discussion, J. Reynolds moved to accredit a program in Management, leading to the Associate of Science (A.S.) and the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degrees, offered by Albertus Magnus College through its New Dimensions program at Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield in North Haven. Ms. Reynolds also moved to extend the licensure of the Master of Science (M.S.) in Management, offered by the College through its New Dimensions program at Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield in North Haven, until April 2007, and that the Board of Governors for Higher Education require Albertus Magnus College to submit a report to the Department of Higher Education by April 1, 2006 detailing the status of the M.S. program at Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield in North Haven. Ms. Reynolds also moved to forward the item to the Commissioner's Consent Calendar. W. Bevacqua seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

**b. Goodwin College – Reaccreditation of the College**

J. Zdanys reviewed the staff report and introduced President Mark Scheinberg and Janet Jefford, Director of Curriculum Planning, who represented the College.

After discussion, J. Reynolds moved to grant accreditation to Goodwin College until January 31, 2011, and to forward the item to the Commissioner's Consent Calendar. W. Bevacqua seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

**c. Goodwin College – Extension of licensure of a program in Human Services, leading to the Associate of Science degree, a certificate in Youth Development, or a certificate in Non-Profit Management**

J. Zdanys reviewed the staff report. The College was represented by President Mark Scheinberg and Janet Jefford, Director of Curriculum Planning.

After discussion, J. Reynolds moved to extend the licensure of a program in Human Services, leading to the Associate of Science (A.S.) degree, a certificate in Youth Development, or a certificate in Non-Profit Management, offered by Goodwin College, until February 28, 2007.

Ms. Reynolds also moved that the Board of Governors for Higher Education require the College to submit a progress report updating its success in all of the areas stipulated by the Board of Governors at the time of licensure and detailed in the College's report to the Department of Higher Education in March 2005; such a progress report should be submitted to the Department of Higher Education by April 1, 2006. Additionally, Ms. Reynolds moved that the Board of Governors for Higher Education require the College to submit its application for accreditation of the program by October 1, 2006, which will serve as the final program progress report as well, and to forward the item to the Commissioner's Consent Calendar. J. Gatling seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

**d. Post University – Licensure of a program in Human Services, leading to the Master of Science degree, to be offered on-line and on-campus**

J. Zdanys reviewed the staff report and introduced President Jon Jay DeTemple and Patricia Sanders, Vice President of Academic Affairs, who represented the University.

After a brief discussion, J. Reynolds moved to license a program in Human Services, leading to the Master of Science degree, to be offered on-line and on-campus, by Post University, until January 31, 2008, and to forward the item to the Commissioner's Consent Calendar. J. Gatling seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

**e. University of Rhode Island – Approval to offer a course, for undergraduate and graduate credit, as appropriate, at the Peabody Museum in New Haven**

J. Zdanys reviewed the staff report. The University was represented by Clifford Katz, Assistant Provost, and Albert Kausch, Professor of Cell and Molecular Biology.

After discussion, J. Reynolds moved to authorize the University of Rhode Island to offer the course "The Way We Work to Live; Issues in Biotechnology" at the Peabody Museum in New Haven and through other synchronous and asynchronous modes of delivery, for credit at the undergraduate and graduate levels, as appropriate, during the Spring 2006 semester, and to forward the item to the Commissioner's Consent Calendar. H. Penner seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

4. Information Items

J. Zdanys presented the monthly update.

7. Other Business

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8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonas Zdanys, Secretary