

BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Minutes of the Meeting
February 15, 2006

Department of Higher Education
Hartford, CT

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

Members Absent: W. Aniskovich, W. Bevacqua, B. Flaherty, H. Penner,
P. McCann Vissepó

Members of the Public: J. Granfield, SCSU; M. Pernal, ECSU; G. Ragosta, CCIC;
B. Richards, HCC; A. Sturtz, CSU; S. Williams, SCSU

1. Call to Order

F. Ridley called the meeting to order at 11:43 a.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

D. Brennan moved and J. Gatling seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2006 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Participation

None.

4. Report of the Board Chairman

F. Ridley indicated that he did not have a report.

5. Report of the Commissioner

Commissioner Lewis informed the Board that the report on *Early Childhood Education Workforce Supply* was submitted to the General Assembly as requested by Public Act 05-245. V. Lewis indicated that as a first investment, the Department of Higher Education will use \$50,000 accorded to it under the FY06 budget to offer, through a Request for Proposals, higher education institutions the opportunity to develop a high quality alternate route cross-endorsement program for baccalaureate degree holders with certification in elementary education.

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V. Lewis also discussed her role as a co-chair in the Early Childhood Research and Policy Council which was created by Executive Order No. 13 from Governor Rell.

6. Commissioner's Consent Calendar

D. Brennan moved and A. Vertefeuille seconded the motion to approve the extended Commissioner's Consent Calendar, consisting of the following:

- a) Goodwin College – licensure of a program in Health Sciences, leading to the Associate in Science degree

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors for Higher Education license a program in Health Sciences, leading to the Associate in Science degree, to be offered by Goodwin College, for a period of three years, until February 2009.

- b) Quinnipiac University – licensure of a program in Biomedical Marketing, leading to the Bachelor of Science degree

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors for Higher Education license a program in Biomedical Marketing, leading to the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree, to be offered by Quinnipiac University, for a period of three years, until February 2009.

- c) Westfield State College, Westfield, MA – authorization to place students in the programs of secondary English for both initial and advanced licensure, and special education, mathematics, biology, chemistry, general science, music (K-12) initial level only, and in the programs for guidance counselors, school principals, and reading specialists for the required field experience and clinical practice in Connecticut schools

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors for Higher Education grant approval to Westfield State College to place students in the programs of secondary English for both initial and advanced licensure, and special education, mathematics, biology, chemistry, general science, music (K-12) initial level only, and in the programs for guidance counselors, school principals, and reading specialists for the required field experience and clinical practice in Connecticut schools, for a period of five years, from March 1, 2006 through February 28, 2011.

- d) Eastern Connecticut State University – reaccreditation of the University

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors for Higher Education grant reaccreditation to Eastern Connecticut State University until January 31, 2011.

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- e) Gibbs College – extension of licensure of a program in Computer Programming, leading to an Associate in Applied Science degree

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors for Higher approve a one-year extension of licensure for a program in Computer Programming, leading to the Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree, to be offered by Gibbs College, to February 28, 2007, with the following stipulations: that the College will examine the enrollment of this program on a quarterly basis and report those quarterly enrollment numbers to the Department of Higher Education, and that the College will terminate the program if the enrollment continues not meeting the goals by the time the extended licensure period ends.

- f) Sacred Heart University – extension of the program in Physical Therapy, leading to the Doctor of Physical Therapy degree

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors for Higher Education extend the licensure of a program in Physical Therapy, leading to the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree, offered by Sacred Heart University, until February 28, 2007. It is also resolved that the Board of Governors for Higher Education require Sacred Heart University to submit its application for accreditation of the program by November 1, 2006, and that the Department of Higher Education conduct a focused evaluation visit as part of the accreditation of the program.

- g) Southern Connecticut State University – accreditation of a program in Educational Leadership, leading to the Doctor of Education degree

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors for Higher Education accredit a program in Educational Leadership, leading to the Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) degree, offered by Southern Connecticut State University, for a period of time concurrent with institutional accreditation.

- h) University of Connecticut – accreditation of a program in Cognitive Science, leading to the Bachelor of Arts or to the Bachelor of Science degree

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors for Higher Education accredit a program in Cognitive Science, leading to the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) or to the Bachelor of Science (B. S.) degree, offered by the University of Connecticut, for a period of time concurrent with institutional accreditation..

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- i) University of Connecticut – accreditation of on-line programs in Human Resource Management and Humanitarian Services Administration, leading to a Master of Professional Studies degree

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors for Higher Education accredit on-line programs in Human Resource Management and in Humanitarian Services Administration, leading to the Master of Professional Studies (M.P.S.) degree, offered by the University of Connecticut, for a period of time concurrent with institutional accreditation

- j) Operating Fund Quarterly Reports for the Six-Month Period Ending December 31, 2005

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

- k) Endorsement of NEBHE Regional Fee Revisions to the Board of Governors' Tuition and Fee Policy

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors for Higher Education endorse the revisions to the NEBHE Regional Student Program rate ceiling in its Tuition and Fee Policy as provided in Attachment A. Attachment on file.

- l) Endorsement of the 2006 Accountability Report for Higher Education

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors for Higher Education endorse the Connecticut's 2006 accountability report for higher education as attached and transmit it to both the Joint Standing Committee on Education and the Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee.

- m) Tuition and Fee Schedules for Connecticut Public Colleges and Universities for the 2006-07 Academic Year

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors for Higher Education guided by the state's goals to ensure affordable access, encourage college attendance and support workforce development in Connecticut, endorse the 2006-07 tuition and fee adjustments as presented.

n) Alternate Route to Certification Program Tuition

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve a tuition increase of \$150 for the Alternate Route to Certification program to \$3,450 effective with the ARC II Fall 2006 cohort

7. Report of the Standing Advisory Committee

G. Ragosta informed Board members that the Standing Advisory Committee has formed two subcommittees. One to review and update the SAC By-Laws and the other is to discuss the creation of an inventory or database of articulation agreements in the state.

8. Other Business

F. Ridley requested that the Department develop a follow-up to the joint meeting of the State Board of Education and the Board of Governors for Higher Education, or perhaps create an ad hoc group to meet on particular issues. V. Lewis indicated that she would share this suggestion with both Board chairs.

9. Adjournment

J. Gatling moved and J. Reynolds seconded the motion to adjourn at 12:10 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
February 15, 2006

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

Other BGHE Present V. Lewis

1. Call to Order

J. Gatling called the meeting to order at 10:57 a.m. and asked that all members of the Board to serve as members of the Finance & Administration Committee for the day.

2. Approval of the Finance & Administration Committee Minutes for the December 21, 2005 Meeting

On a motion made by D. Brennan, seconded by F. Ridley, the Committee unanimously approved the minutes of the December 21, 2005 meeting.

3. Action Items

a. Endorsement of the 2006 Accountability Report for Higher Education

M. Johnson presented, *Higher Education Counts: Achieving Results*, the sixth annual accountability report on Connecticut's state system of higher education, as required under the Connecticut General Statutes section 10a-6a. The report contains accountability measures developed through the Performance Measures Task Force. The measures reported are designed to assess progress on six statutorily-defined state goals and are intended to provide external parties with answers to some basic questions about institutional performance and return on investments in Connecticut's higher education system. As directed by the Co-Chairs of the Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee, an executive summary has been developed for the first time and published under separate cover. Also, two new system measures were added to provide insight into employer satisfaction with Connecticut's public higher education system and a view of Connecticut's research intensity in the higher education sector nationally. M. Johnson reported on goals achieved/progress made and work to be done under each statewide goal. The next order of business is for the state to identify a set of strategic priorities for its higher education system. Principle among those priorities should be to:

- Ensure adequate levels of need-based student financial aid so that all students can afford to attend and succeed in college

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- Collaborate with business and preK-12 education to raise performance in science, math and technology and increase production in workforce shortage fields
- Improve student success along the educational continuum with particular emphasis on longitudinal student tracking, developmental education and retention programs
- Develop a strong, coordinated state response to the need for increased academic research capacity across the system

There was a brief discussion concerning the efforts being made in some of the areas that need improvement. A list of priority areas and the work being done will be reported at a later date. Board members asked that the Performance Measures Task Force consider making new teachers in critical shortage areas a common core performance measure.

On a motion made by D. Brennan, seconded by F. Ridley, the Committee unanimously voted to endorse Connecticut's 2006 accountability report for higher education as attached and transmit it to both the Joint Standing Committee on Education and the Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee and forward the item to the full Board's Consent Calendar.

b. Tuition and Fee Schedules for Connecticut Public Colleges and Universities for the 2006-07 Academic Year

M. Johnson stated that in accordance with Board policy, all constituent units of higher education submitted their respective tuition and fee adjustments for FY 2007 in December. She reported that while all of the increases are above the CPI and the Higher Education Price Index (HEPI), they are not out-of-line with expected cost increases associated with settled collective bargaining contracts and rising energy costs. Tuition and mandatory fee increases are below six percent for all students. Increases for four-year college undergraduates residing on campus are slightly above six percent. M. Johnson further reported on national ranks.

Commissioner Lewis noted that even though the increases for 2006-07 are generally more reasonable than prior years, they are continuing well above the HEPI rate of 3.5 percent and the corresponding CPI rate of 3.0 percent. Stability at the state level is critical and a standing problem. Board members further noted the need for more consistency in fees among the institutions.

On a motion made by D. Brennan, seconded by F. Ridley, the Committee, guided by the state's goals to ensure affordable access, encourage college attendance and support workforce development in Connecticut, unanimously voted to endorse the 2006-07 tuition and fee adjustments as presented and forward the item to the full Board's Consent Calendar.

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c. Alternate Route to Certification Program Tuition

M. Johnson reported that the Alternate Route to Certification (ARC) is requesting a \$150 increase in the tuition rate charged to students effective with the ARC II Fall 2006 cohort. The current rate is \$3,300; the requested 4.5 percent increase will bring the program's tuition to \$3,450. The tuition increase is needed to cover the cost of the coaching component of the ARC program and related educational activities.

On a motion made by D. Brennan, seconded by F. Ridley, the Committee unanimously voted to approve a tuition increase of \$150 for the Alternate Route to Certification program to \$3,450 effective with the ARC II Fall 2006 cohort and forward the item to the full Board's Consent Calendar.

4. Information Item

a. Highlights – FY 2005-07 Mid-Biennial Operating and Capital Budget Adjustments for Higher Education

The Governor's recommended General Fund budget provides \$626.1 million for FY 2007, an increase of \$4.0 million from the original appropriation. It provides \$3.0 million, as part of the Governor's Jobs Initiative, for the creation of a loan forgiveness program for students who agree to work in a Connecticut specific high needs field for up to five years. Half of the funding will be made available to students who become math and science teachers. It also adds \$86,953 to the Capitol Scholarship Program to maintain funding at the FY 2006 level and reduces funding for the Connecticut Independent College Student Grant program (CICSG) by \$270,573 to reflect lower than anticipated funding requirements for the addition of Goodwin College to the program.

On the capital side, the Governor recommended \$234.9 million in general obligation bonds for the higher education system for FY 2007 represents an increase of \$3.8 million from the original authorization. This includes the \$3.8 million to supplement the Three Rivers consolidation.

5. Commissioner's Consent Calendar

On a motion made by D. Brennan, seconded by F. Ridley, the Committee unanimously voted to approve the Commissioner's consent calendar and forward the following items to the full Board's Consent Calendar:

- a. **Operating Fund Quarterly Reports for the Six-Month Period Ending December 31, 2005**
- b. **Endorsement of NEBHE Regional Fee Revisions to the Board of Governors' Tuition and Fee Policy**

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary K. Johnson
Secretary

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND PLANNING
Minutes of the Meeting
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Committee

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

Committee

Members Absent: W. Aniskovich, B. Flaherty, 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 9:35 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 January 11, 2006 Meeting

On a motion made by D. Brennan, seconded by F. Ridley, the Committee voted to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2006 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Commissioner's Consent Calendar

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

a. Goodwin College – Licensure of a program in Health Science, leading to the Associate in Science (A.S.) degree

b. Quinnipiac University – Licensure of a program in Biomedical Marketing, leading to the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree

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

d. Westfield State College, Westfield, Massachusetts – Authorization to place students in the programs of secondary English for both initial and advanced licensure, and special education, mathematics, biology, chemistry, general science, music (K-12) initial level only, and in the programs for guidance counselors, school principals, and reading specialists for the required field experience and clinical practice in Connecticut schools

4. Action Items

a. Eastern Connecticut State University – Reaccreditation of the University

J. Zdanys reviewed the staff report and introduced Interim President Michael Pernal and Dimitrios Pachis, Vice President for Academic Affairs, who represented the University.

After discussion, F. Ridley moved to grant reaccreditation to Eastern Connecticut State University until January 31, 2011, and to forward the item to the Commissioner's Consent Calendar. D. Brennan seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

b. Gibbs College – Extension of licensure for a program in Computer Programming, leading to an Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree

J. Zdanys reviewed the staff report and introduced President James Mellett and Professor Mark Feldman who represented the College.

After discussion, J. Reynolds moved to extend the licensure of a program in Computer Programming, leading to the Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree, to be offered by Gibbs College, to February 28, 2007, with the following stipulations: that the College will examine the enrollment of this program on a quarterly basis and report those quarterly enrollment numbers to the Department of Higher Education, and that the College will terminate the program if the enrollment continues not meeting the goals by the time the extended licensure period ends. Ms. Reynolds also moved to forward the item to the Commissioner's Consent Calendar. D. Brennan seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

c. Sacred Heart University – Extension of licensure of a program in Physical Therapy, leading to the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree

J. Zdanys reviewed the staff report. The University was represented by Michael Emery, Chair of the Department of Physical Therapy, Human Movement and Sports Sciences.

After discussion, J. Reynolds moved to extend the licensure of a program Physical Therapy, leading to the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree, offered by Sacred Heart University, until February 28, 2007. Ms. Reynolds also moved that Sacred Heart University be required to submit its application for accreditation of the program by November 1, 2006, that the Department of Higher Education conduct a focused evaluation visit as part of the accreditation of the program, and to forward the item to the Commissioner's Consent Calendar. J. Gatling seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

d. Southern Connecticut State University – Accreditation of a program in Educational Leadership, leading to the Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) degree

J. Zdanys reviewed the staff report and introduced Selase Williams, Provost, James Granfield, Interim Dean of Education, Cathryn Magno, Program Coordinator, Professor Brian Perkins, and Rosemary Rotenzi, Student, who represented the University.

After a brief discussion, J. Reynolds moved to accredit a program in Educational Leadership, leading to the Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) degree, offered by Southern Connecticut State University, for a period of time concurrent with institutional accreditation, and to forward the item to the Commissioner's Consent Calendar. J. Gatling seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

e. University of Connecticut – Accreditation of a program in Cognitive Science, leading to the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree or to the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree

J. Zdanys reviewed the staff report. The University was represented by Suman Singha, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, and Professor Jay Ruecki.

After discussion, J. Reynolds moved to accredit a program in Cognitive Science, leading to the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) or to the Bachelor of Science (B. S.) degree, offered by the University of Connecticut, for a period of time concurrent with institutional accreditation, and to forward the item to the Commissioner's Consent Calendar. J. Gatling seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

f. University of Connecticut – Accreditation of on-line programs in Human Resource Management and Humanitarian Services Administration, leading to a Master of Professional Studies (M.P.S.) degree

J. Zdanys reviewed the staff report. The University was represented by Suman Singha, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, Susan Nesbitt, Interim Director of the College of Continuing Studies, Professor Rodney Allen, Professor Peter Diplock, Professor Abdou Ndoeye, and Professor Mark Sullivan.

After discussion, J. Reynolds moved to accredit on-line programs in Human Resource Management and in Humanitarian Services Administration, leading to the Master of Professional Studies (M.P.S.) degree, offered by the University of Connecticut, for a period of time concurrent with institutional accreditation, and to forward the item to the Commissioner's Consent Calendar. D. Brennan seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

4. Information Items

J. Zdanys asked J. Reynolds to present the January 2006 Summary Report on the Textbook Summit. J. Reynolds reviewed the report highlighting the initial implementation steps already taken by various institutions and noted the results of the Textbook Summit. D. Brennan suggested that at the time the follow up report is due in June 2006, the Department hold a forum to discuss best practices.

J. Zdanys presented the monthly update.

7. Other Business

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8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonas Zdanys, Secretary