

BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Minutes of the Meeting
October 19, 2006

Connecticut Convention Center
Hartford, CT

Members

Present: B. Flaherty, D. Brennan, F. Ridley, A. Vertefeuille

Members

Absent: W. Aniskovich, W. Bevacqua, J. Gatling, R. Hollander H. Penner, J. Reynolds

Members of the Public: S. Coelen, UConn; S. Davis, Nellie Mae Education Foundation; P. Diffley, University of Hartford; R. Frahm, Hartford Courant; J. Greiman, CCIC; C. Harrison, Quinnipiac University; J. Lawler, University of Hartford; M. Lentz, Quinnipiac University; K. McCourt, Quinnipiac University; D. Pachis, ECSU; G. Ragosta, CCIC; S. Rende, UConn; J. Resnick, CBIA; B. Richards, HCC; K. Smith, University of Hartford; P. Susen, BOTCTC; B. Wilson, Nellie Mae Education Foundation

1. Call to Order

F. Ridley called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. and noted that due to lack of a quorum, Board members will hear agenda items, take action and have their actions confirmed at the Board's next meeting.

2. Approval of the Board Minutes of the September 20, 2006 Meeting

F. Ridley moved, and B. Flaherty seconded the motion, to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2006 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Participation

None.

4. Report of Board Chairman

F. Ridley asked Commissioner Lewis for information on college admission requirements for home-schooled students. He noted that entrance requirements vary among colleges and said it would be helpful to have some background on this subject. He then called attention to the Department's new publication, *Advancing Higher Education in Connecticut*, an annual report on the Board's 2005-06 activities. He commended staff on this document.

5. Report of the Commissioner

Commissioner Lewis introduced a new staff member, Suzanne Schilling, Associate Director, Student Financial Aid and welcomed her to the Department.

V. Lewis shared with Board members a copy of a letter from a scholarship recipient thanking the State and the Department of Higher Education for the opportunity to pursue a college education.

She called Board attention to a publication from the Hartford Consortium for Higher Education, *A Guide to Community Service Programs in the Capital Region*, which describes how local colleges are connecting with their communities.

6. Nellie Mae Education Foundation Presentation of the *New England 2020 Report*

V. Lewis introduced Dr. Blenda Wilson, President of the Nellie Mae Education Foundation and Dr. Stephen Coelen, Professor of Economics at the University of Connecticut and author of the *New England 2020 Report*. S. Coelen summarized the report and its chief finding that most New England states will suffer declines in the percentage of young workers holding bachelor's degrees by the year 2020 if the current educational and demographic trends continue. He noted that Connecticut was the only New England state to have a negative in-migration rate. The report stresses the importance of partnerships between business and education and higher education to develop college readiness and goals among middle school students. The report also calls for co-ops and internships between the higher education institutions and industry as a means of retaining new college graduates in Connecticut.

7. Commissioner's Consent Calendar

On a motion made by D. Brennan, seconded by B. Flaherty, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following items:

- a. University of Bridgeport – licensure of a program in Dental Hygiene, leading to the Master of Science degree
- b. University of Connecticut – accreditation of a Bachelor of General Studies degree (on-line) with an emphasis in Occupational Safety and Health
- c. University of Connecticut – accreditation of a Bachelor of General Studies (on-line) with an emphasis on Web Technology
- d. Quinnipiac University – modification of an accredited program in Organizational Leadership, leading to a Bachelor of Science degree, to be offered on-line
- e. Request for State Funds to Support an Endowed Chair in Early Childhood Education at Eastern Connecticut State University

8. Academic Affairs and Planning Items

Action Items

- a. University of Hartford – Accreditation of a program in Architecture, leading to a Master of Architecture (M.Arch) degree

J. Zdanys introduced Peter Diffley, Dean of Graduate Studies, C. Lawler, Chair of the Department of Architecture, and Kendra Schank Smith, of the Department of Architecture, who represented the University. C. Lawler commented on growing enrollments in the program and the University's commitment to add additional space for the program. Commissioner Lewis added that the program fulfills the need for architectural education in Connecticut.

After discussion, B. Flaherty moved to accredit a program in Architecture, leading to a Master of Architecture (M.Arch.) degree, offered by the University of Hartford, for a period of time concurrent with institutional accreditation. D. Brennan seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

- b. Quinnipiac University – Reaccreditation of the University

J. Zdanys reviewed the staff report and introduced Kathleen McCourt, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, who represented the University.

After discussion, D. Brennan moved to accept the NEASC assessment and grant reaccreditation to Quinnipiac University through September 2010. Ms. Brennan also moved that the Board of Governors for Higher Education require the University to submit to the Department of Higher Education a copy of its report to NEASC in preparation for the Fall 2009 comprehensive evaluation visit, in which the Department of Higher Education will participate. B. Flaherty seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

- c. Quinnipiac University – Accreditation of a program in Organizational Leadership, leading to a Master of Science (M.S.) degree

J. Zdanys presented the staff report. The University was represented by Maxine Lentz, Dean of the College of Professional Studies, and Cheryl Harrison, Executive Director of Organizational Leadership Programs.

After discussion, F. Ridley moved to accredit a program in Organizational Leadership, leading to a Master of Science (M.S.) degree, to be offered by Quinnipiac University, for a period of time concurrent with institutional accreditation. D. Brennan seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

9. Information Item

d. Monthly Update

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

10. Report of the Standing Advisory Committee

G. Ragosta reported that the Standing Advisory Committee will meet jointly with the Board of Governors on November 15 to discuss student preparation for college.

11. Other Business

F. Ridley moved and D. Brennan seconded a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss legal matters at 3:40 p.m. The Board returned to public session at 4:11 p.m.

12. Adjournment

A. Vertefeuille moved and F. Ridley seconded the motion to adjourn at 4:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Constance Fraser
Secretary