

BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Minutes of the Meeting
November 21, 2007

University of Connecticut – Greater Hartford Campus
Hartford, CT

Members Present: D. Brennan, B. Flaherty, R. Hollander, H. Penner, J. Reynolds, R. Robins, F. Ridley, A. Vertefeuille, M. Villani

Members Absent: W. Aniskovich, J. Gatling

Members of the Public: S. Braverman, CCSU; P. Jacobs, SHU; D. Johnston-Malden, Wheelock; J. McCabe, SHU; P. Susen, BOT-CTC; T. Thorington, CSU; T. Ward, UB

1. Call to Order

F. Ridley called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

David W. Williams, Director of the Hartford Campus of the University of Connecticut, welcomed the Board of Governors to the campus and thanked them for their work on behalf of UConn and its regional campuses.

2. Approval of the Board Minutes of the October 17, 2007 Meeting

J. Reynolds moved and R. Hollander seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2007 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Executive Session

a. Personnel Matters

On a motion made by B. Flaherty, seconded by D. Brennan, the Board unanimously voted to enter into Executive Session at 9:40 a.m. to discuss personnel matters.

The Board returned to public session at 10:11 a.m.

4. Public Participation

None.

4. Report of the Board Chairman

F. Ridley thanked the UConn Hartford Campus for hosting the Board meeting.

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5. Report of the Commissioner

Commissioner Lewis reported that the state's headcount enrollment is up, but the growth rate is slowing, mirroring trends in the high school population. College enrollment is expected to begin falling unless institutions expand recruitment efforts. She introduced John Pothier, Associate Director for Research, who presented greater detail on fall 2007 college enrollment.

J. Pothier reported that total headcount enrollment at Connecticut's colleges and universities reached 178,855 students this fall, up 2,295 students from last fall for a sixth consecutive record year. The average annual growth from 1998 to 2002 was 2.4 percent, but slowed by more than half to an average of 1.1 percent between 2002 and 2007. The deceleration of growth was even greater within the public sector.

The growth reflects an increase in the number of Connecticut public high school graduates, however, in-state public high school graduates are forecasted to drop 9.4 percent between 2008 and 2016. J. Pothier reviewed the cumulative growth rate in full-time undergraduates in Connecticut public higher education over the past decade.

V. Lewis described the activities of the State Department of Education's Ad Hoc Committee on High School Reform which is seeking to increase the rigor of high school education. She noted she has brought this initiative to the attention of the public system chief executive officers and stressed the importance of higher education joining with K-12 to improve student success. This will be the topic of the January 2, 2008 joint meeting of the Board of Governors for Higher Education and the State Board of Education where a report on the Next Steps project will be presented. This project is tracking what happened to four cohorts of high school graduates over seven years to learn whether they enrolled in college, stayed in college, obtained a degree, remained in-state, among other factors. The Department of Labor has joined this project to determine how many are working in Connecticut.

6. Commissioner's Consent Calendar

- a. Endowed Chair Investment Fund Annual Expenditure Reports
- b. Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts – Licensure of a Bachelor of Fine Arts program in Illustration

On a motion made by A. Vertefeuille, seconded by H. Penner, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Commissioner's Consent Calendar.

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7. Finance and Administration

Action Items

On a motion made by D. Brennan, seconded by B. Flaherty, the Board, subject to its responsibilities as contained in Section 10a-5 of the Connecticut General Statutes, unanimously voted to approve the promotions and adjustments for staff listed in Exhibit A, retroactive to November 9, 2007. (Exhibit on file).

- a. Operating Fund Quarterly Reports for the Three-Month Period Ending September 30, 2007

M. Johnson reported that revenues came in as forecasted and expenditures were in line with historical norms with the exception of the UConn Health Center. The UConn Health Center continues to struggle with changing patient and payer mix which is having a detrimental impact on their patient care reimbursements. In addition, research funding is below planned partly due to the unresolved federal budget.

M. Johnson noted that the budgeted state appropriations in the financial exhibits do not match the state appropriation reconciliations at the bottom of the exhibits due to the fact that collective bargaining settlements were not completed in time to be included in the actual state appropriation. Therefore, the salary adjustments are estimates. The Connecticut State University (CSU) System has a larger discrepancy because they did not use the final appropriation included in the state budget or any salary adjustment estimates. A. Vertefeuille requested that CSU submit a Board of Trustees approved revised budget including the final appropriation and salary adjustment for the next quarter.

On a motion made by R. Robins, seconded by R. Hollander, the Board unanimously voted to approve the operating fund quarterly reports for the three-month period ending September 30, 2007, for the University of Connecticut, University of Connecticut Health Center, Connecticut State Universities, 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.

Information Item

- a. Highlights – FY 2007-09 Biennial Capital Budget for Higher Education

M. Johnson reported that the capital budget for higher education provides \$299.4 million in total new funding for the biennium, including \$133.6 million in FY 2008 and \$165.7 million in 2009. The Connecticut State University System 2020 Plan has been authorized to provide CSU with \$950 million in funding 36 projects which will span the period of FY 2009 to FY 2018.

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8. Academic Affairs and Planning Items

Action Items

- a. University of Bridgeport – Licensure of a program in Global Development and Peace, leading to the Master of Arts (M.A.) degree

J. Zdanys reviewed the staff report and introduced Thomas Ward, Dean of the International College, who represented the University.

After discussion, J. Reynolds moved that the Board of Governors for Higher license a program in Global Development and Peace, leading to the Master of Arts (M.A.) degree, to be offered by the University of Bridgeport, for a period of three years, until November 30, 2010. R. Hollander seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

- b. Sacred Heart University – Accreditation of a program in Criminal Justice, leading to a Master of Arts (M.A.) degree

J. Zdanys reviewed the staff report. The University was represented by Pearl Jacobs, Program Director, and Professor James McCabe.

After discussion, J. Reynolds moved that the Board of Governors for Higher Education accredit a program in Criminal Justice, leading to the Master of Arts (MA) degree, offered by Sacred Heart University, for a period of time concurrent with institutional accreditation. H. Penner seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

- c. St. Joseph College – Extension of licensure for the Bachelor of Liberal Studies program, offered online

J. Zdanys reviewed the staff report. After discussion, J. Reynolds moved that the Board of Governors for Higher Education extend the licensure of the Bachelor of Liberal Studies program, offered on-line by St. Joseph College, for a period of one month, until December 30, 2007. B. Flaherty seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

- d. Wheelock College, Boston, Massachusetts – Approval to offer upper division coursework, leading to a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree in Human Development, to be offered in Westport, Connecticut

J. Zdanys reviewed the staff report. The College was represented by Deborah Johnston-Malden, Director of National and Regional Programs.

After discussion, J. Reynolds moved that the Board of Governors for Higher Education grant approval to Wheelock College to offer upper division coursework, leading to a Bachelor of

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Science (B.S.) degree in Human Development, to be offered in Westport, Connecticut, until November 30, 2010. Ms. Reynolds also moved that the Board of Governors for Higher Education require that Wheelock College provide the Department of Higher Education with a copy of its articulation agreement with Housatonic Community College when that agreement is completed. H. Penner seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Information Items

a. Nanotechnology Curriculum Initiative

J. Zdanys reviewed the Nanotechnology presentation and extended his appreciation to Dr. Robins for his involvement and contributions to the Committee.

b. Monthly Update

J. Zdanys presented the monthly update.

9. Report of the Standing Advisory Committee

On behalf of the Standing Advisory Committee, S. Braverman noted that the Standing Advisory Committee will continue its work on an articulation website and a common numbering system.

10. Other Business

None.

11. Adjournment

J. Reynolds moved and H. Penner seconded the motion to adjourn at 11:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Constance Fraser
Secretary