

BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Minutes of the Meeting
May 16, 2007

Department of Higher Education
Hartford, CT

Members Present: W. Aniskovich, J. Gatling, J. Reynolds (via teleconference),
R. Robins, F. Ridley, A. Vertefeuille

Members Absent: W. Bevacqua, D. Brennan, B. Flaherty, R. Hollander, H. Penner

Members of the Public: S. Abbe, BOTCTC; C. Adams, CCC; S. Adams, COSC; K. Blake, Mitchell;
L. Blethen, TRCC; A. Branchini, TRCC; V. Brennan, Mitchell; P. Cocchiola,
BOTCTC; C. Ehler, ECSU; S. Fagbem, CCC; C. Gorlin, NCC; M. Harris, COSC;
M. Houchins, TRCC; J. Insigna, MxCC; P. Kedderis, CSU; A. Kurezzka, CCC; J.
LaVecchia, Northeast Utilities; G. Maffeo, Mithcell; M. McLaughlin, CCC; S.
Minkler, CCC; J. Ortiz, UConn; J. Ottman, NvCC; G. Ragosta, CCIC; B.
Richards, HCC; M. Schuler, NCC; S. Solernou, GCC; P. Susen, BOTCTC; T.
Thorington, CSU

1. Call to Order

F. Ridley called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m.

2. Approval of the Board Minutes of the March 21, 2007 Meeting

J. Gatling moved and W. Aniskovich seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2007 meeting. The motion passed unanimously, with an abstention from A. Vertefeuille who did not attend the April 18, 2007 meeting.

3. Public Participation

Matt McLaughlin, Students for a Democratic Society, Capital Community College; Jason Ortiz, University of Connecticut; and Curtis Ehler, Eastern Connecticut State University, addressed the Board regarding the appearance of preferential treatment given to military recruiters on Connecticut public college campuses. They stated military recruiters are provided with free campus office space and coerce students into service by offering them ample funds to help pay for college. They asked that the Board use its policy-making authority to end any undue military influence over students and extend the same office privileges to recruiters from other sectors.

Commissioner Lewis thanked the students, commenting on the value of hearing from students directly. She stated such concerns are fueling similar campus discussions across the country.

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4. Report of the Board Chairman

In the absence of Chairman Penner, Vice Chairman Ridley gave the Chairman's report. F. Ridley thanked Chairman Harry Penner for his leadership over the past four years.

Ridley called attention to a report released today by the University of Connecticut's State Data Center which projects population trends over the next 25 years. The report echoes the findings of other studies which show an aging state population comprised of more minorities and fewer college graduates unless the state imports people with more education or enrolls more low-income persons in college.

5. Report of the Nominating Committee and Election of Officers

A. Vertefeuille gave the report of the Nominating Committee, comprised of Dorothea Brennan, Harry Penner and Albert Vertefeuille. A. Vertefeuille moved and R. Robins seconded the motion to name Frank Ridley Chairman of the Board for a two-year term. The motion passed unanimously.

A. Vertefeuille moved and J. Reynolds seconded the motion to name Brian Flaherty Vice Chairman of the Board for a two-year term. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Report of the Commissioner

V. Lewis noted that the Board packets contain a nomination form for the 2007 Medal of Science. State statute requires the Board of Governors to award the state Medals of Science and Technology in concert with the Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering. Last year, Governor Rell awarded the Medal of Technology to Gene Banucci, founder and chairman of the Danbury-based ATMI, Inc.

She reported staff is distributing the nomination form to colleges, corporations and other entities statewide as well as posting it on the agency's website. She noted that in addition to the biological and physical sciences, the award recognizes extraordinary achievements in mathematics, engineering and the social and behavioral sciences.

V. Lewis introduced Jean LaVecchia, representing Northeast Utilities, United Technology Corporation and Boehringer-Ingelheim Corporation; and LeRoy Hay, Director of the Alternate Route to Certification (ARC) Program.

J. LaVecchia stated that she is a member of the Governor's CONNvene STEM achievement group. She noted that approximately 70 percent of those employed in industries such as Northeast Utilities are of the "baby-boomer" generation and are expected to retire within the next five to ten years. Many of these individuals have technical qualifications and strong math and

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science backgrounds ideal for starting second careers as teachers. The STEM achievement group has worked with the Department of Higher Education and the Office of Workforce Competitiveness to create a supplemental ARC pilot program for 50 such retired individuals a year.

L. Hay provided a history of the ARC Program and noted it is the nation's second oldest program of its type and one of the largest. He indicated that 85 percent of ARC graduates are employed as Connecticut public school teachers within six months of completing the program.

7. Commissioner's Consent Calendar

- a. Capital Community College – Accreditation of a program in Communication Media, leading to the Associate of Science degree
- b. Capital Community College – Accreditation of a program in Criminal Justice, leading to an Associate of Science degree
- c. Central Connecticut State University – Modification of the accredited program in Data Mining, leading to a Master of Science degree
- d. Gibbs College – Licensure of a program in Business Administration with a Management Specialization, leading to the Associate in Science degree
- e. Goodwin College – Accreditation of a program in Respiratory Care, leading to the Associate in Science degree
- f. Mitchell College – Licensure of a program in Communications, leading to the Bachelor of Science degree with Behavioral, Performance, and Technology tracks
- g. Southern Connecticut State University – Modification of the accredited Bachelor of Science program in Exercise Science and its concentration in Athletic Training, to establish a Bachelor of Science program in Athletic Training
- h. Operating Fund Quarterly Reports for the Nine Month Period Ending March 31, 2007

On a motion made by J. Gatling, seconded by W. Aniskovich, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Commissioner's Consent Calendar.

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8. Academic Affairs and Planning Items

Action Items

- a. Capital Community College, Gateway Community College, Naugatuck Valley Community College, Norwalk Community College, and Three Rivers Community College – Modifications of programs in Nursing, leading to the Associate in Science degree

J. Zdanys reviewed the staff report. The Colleges were represented by Susan Abbe, Director of Nursing Programs, Community College System Office, Cynthia Adams, Program Director, Capital Community College, Sheila Solernou, Program Director, Gateway Community College, Joanne Ottman, Program Director, Naugatuck Valley Community College, Mary Shuler, Program Director, Norwalk Community College, and Dean Ann Brancini, Three Rivers Community College.

Commissioner Lewis complimented the collaborative work of the participating Colleges and the Community College System Office. Frank Ridley also commented on these efforts and how they address a major shortage area in the State. After discussion, R. Robins moved that the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the modifications of the programs in Nursing, offered by Capital Community College, Gateway Community College, Naugatuck Valley Community College, Norwalk Community College, and Three Rivers Community College, and accredit the Connecticut Community Colleges Nursing Program (CT-CCNP), leading to the Associate in Science (A.S.) degree, for a period of time concurrent with the institutional accreditation of the respective participating community colleges. W. Aniskovich seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

- b. Charter Oak State College – Reaccreditation of the College

J. Zdanys reviewed the staff report and introduced President Merle Harris, and Shirley Adams, Vice President for Academic Affairs, who represented the College.

After discussion, J. Reynolds moved that the Board of Governors for Higher Education accept the NEASC assessment and grant reaccreditation to Charter Oak State College until September 30, 2012. J. Gatling seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

- c. Middlesex Community College – Licensure and accreditation of a program in Management Information Systems, leading to the Associate of Science degree

J. Zdanys reviewed the staff report. The College was represented by Professor Jean Insinga.

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After discussion, J. Reynolds moved that the Board of Governors for Higher Education license and accredit a program in Management Information Systems, leading to the Associate of Science (A.S.) degree, offered by Middlesex Community College, for a period of time concurrent with institutional accreditation. J. Gatling seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

- d. Mitchell College – Licensure of a Bachelor of Arts degree program in Environmental Studies

J. Zdanys reviewed the staff report and introduced Gilbert Maffeo, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Professor Vicki Brennan, and Professor Kim Blake, who represented the College.

After discussion, R. Robins moved that the Board of Governors for Higher Education license a program in Environmental Studies, leading to the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree, to be offered by Mitchell College, until May 31, 2009. W. Aniskovich seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

- e. Norwalk Community College – Licensure and accreditation of a program in Graphic Design, leading to the Associate of Science degree

J. Zdanys reviewed the staff report. The College was represented by Catherine Gorlin, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

After discussion, J. Reynolds moved that the Board of Governors for Higher Education license and accredit a program in Graphic Design, leading to the Associate of Science (A.S.) degree, offered by Norwalk Community College, for a period of time concurrent with institutional accreditation. W. Aniskovich seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Information Items

- a. Albertus Magnus College – Termination 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

J. Zdanys updated the Board on the College's decision to terminate the program.

- b. Monthly Update

J. Zdanys reviewed the monthly update. J. Zdanys also updated the Board regarding the development of the Nanotechnology Curriculum Committee and their upcoming meetings.

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9. Report of the Standing Advisory Committee

None.

10. Other Business

11. Adjournment

A. Vertefeuille moved and J. Gatling seconded the motion to adjourn at 11:23 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Constance Fraser
Secretary