

BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Minutes of the Meeting
June 20, 2007

University of Bridgeport
Bridgeport, CT

Members Present: W. Bevacqua, D. Brennan, B. Flaherty, J. Gatling, J. Reynolds,
R. Robins, F. Ridley, A. Vertefeuille

Members Absent: W. Aniskovich, R. Hollander, H. Penner

Members of the Public: M. Affleck, CCC; M. Anctil, ACES; P. Bouffard, NVCC; P. Diplock, UConn;
J. Ferraiolo, CSU; T. Graham-Handley, ICHM; S. Hartnett, USDOL; J. Henkel,
UConn; S. Nesbites, UConn; C. Norton, SCSU; G. Ragosta, CCIC; L. Silbart,
UConn; S. Singha, UConn; P. Susen, BOTCTC; M. Thompson, Quinnipiac;
S. Valente, NVCC; N. Warren, UConn Health Center.

1. Call to Order

F. Ridley called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

2. Approval of the Board Minutes of the May 16, 2007 Meeting

J. Reynolds moved and A. Vertefeuille seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2007 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Participation

None.

4. Report of the Board Chairman

Chairman Ridley informed the Board that he had attended several events during the last month, including commencements at Gateway and Middlesex Community Colleges, a seminar about the role of Latinos in higher education sponsored by the Latino Endowment Fund, and the second meeting of the PK-16 Council.

5. Report of the Commissioner

V. Lewis reported that she has met with the new Commissioner of Education, Mark McQuillan, on several issues of mutual concern including matters related to PK-16.

V. Lewis also attended two discussions with U.S. Education Secretary Spellings, one in Fairfield County regarding the federal agenda for higher education, and the other in Boston to discuss

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issues facing New England states such as accreditation, college costs, student aid and data collection.

6. Finance and Administration

a. Personnel Matters

On a motion made by W. Bevacqua, seconded by D. Brennan, the Board unanimously voted to enter into Executive Session at 10:20 a.m. to discuss personnel matters.

The Board returned to public session at 11:20 a.m.

On a motion made by F. Ridley and seconded by J. Gatling, the Board, subject to its responsibilities as contained in Section 10a-5 of the Connecticut General Statutes, approved promotions as listed in Exhibit A; compensation adjustments based on substantive changes in work assignments or growth within classification ranges as listed in Exhibit B; continuing contracts for agency employees classified as “confidentials” for FY 07 as listed in Exhibit C; new compensation ranges for department professional job classification increase by three percent to reflect cost of living changes as listed in Exhibit D; and continuing contracts for management for FY 07 as listed in Exhibit E, with all personnel actions to be effective with the pay period including July 1, 2007. Exhibits are on file. In addition, the Board approved the continuation of the contract for the Commissioner as recommended by the Board Chair and Vice Chair.

7. Commissioner’s Consent Calendar

R. Robins requested that item c. St. Joseph College, be removed from the Commissioner’s Consent Calendar and be reviewed as an action item.

- a. Fairfield University – program modification of the accredited Master of Science in Nursing
- b. Goodwin College – accreditation of a program in Homeland Security, leading to an Associate of Science degree
- c. St. Joseph College – licensure of a program in online Biochemistry, leading to the Master of Science degree
- d. University of Connecticut – licensure of a Master of Science degree program in Clinical and Translational Research
- e. University of Connecticut – accreditation of a program in Homeland Security, leading to the Master of Professional Studies degree

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- f. University of Connecticut – accreditation program (online) in Occupational Safety and Health Management, leading to a Master of Professional Studies degree

On a motion made by B. Flaherty, seconded by A. Vertefeuille, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Commissioner's Consent Calendar with the exception of item c.

8. Academic Affairs and Planning Items

Action Items

- a. Quinnipiac University – extension of licensure of a program in Healthcare Management, leading to the Master of Business Administration degree

J. Zdanys requested on behalf of the University to move this item to the beginning of the agenda due to time constraints of the University. The University was represented by Mark Thompson, Dean of the School of Business. A. Vertefeuille approved the University's request. J. Zdanys reviewed the staff report.

After discussion, J. Reynolds moved that the Board of Governors for Higher Education extend the licensure of the program in Health Care Management, leading to the Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) degree, offered by Quinnipiac University, for a period of six months, until December 31, 2007. D. Brennan seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

- b. Area Cooperative Education Services (ACES) – approval to offer an Advance Alternate Route to Certification for Teachers of English Language Learners (ARCTELL) program, leading to either a cross endorsement in Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) and/or Bilingual Education

J. Zdanys reviewed the staff report. The Area Cooperative Education Services (ACES) were represented by Marjorie Anctil, Director of Professional Development and School Improvement.

After discussion, J. Reynolds moved that the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve an Advanced Alternate Route To Certification for Teachers of English Language Learners (ARCTELL) program, leading to either a cross endorsement in Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) and/or Bilingual Education, to be offered by the Area Cooperative Education Services, until September 2010. Ms. Reynolds also moved that the Director of the Department of Higher Education Alternate Route Program will serve on the committee that will provide oversight for the program. R. Robins seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

- c. Capital Community College – reaccreditation of the College

J. Zdanys reviewed the staff report and introduced Mary Ann Affleck, Executive Academic Dean, who represented the College.

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After discussion, J. Reynolds moved that the Board of Governors for Higher Education accept the NEASC assessment and grant accreditation to Capital Community College until July 31, 2012. J. Gatling seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

- d. International College of Hospitality Management – change of the College’s name and ongoing accreditation of the renamed College

J. Zdanys reviewed the staff report and introduced President Tad Graham-Handley, who represented the College.

After discussion, the proposal was approved in two motions. J. Reynolds moved that the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the change of name of International College of Hospitality Management to Bradley College, effective on June 20, 2007. R. Robins seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Reynolds then moved that because the change of name of the College does not include any other changes, and because the ownership, administration, and educational programs of Bradley College will remain the same as those of International College of Hospitality Management, the Board of Governors for Higher Education grant accreditation to Bradley College under the same conditions as the accreditation granted to International College of Hospitality Management, and that accreditation of Bradley College continue until June 30, 2008. J. Gatling seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

- e. Naugatuck Valley Community College – licensure and accreditation of a program in Drug and Alcohol Recovery Counselor, leading to the Associate of Science degree

J. Zdanys reviewed the staff report. The College was represented by Patricia Bouffard, Dean of Academic Affairs, and Sandra Valente, Program Director.

After discussion, J. Reynolds moved that the Board of Governors for Higher Education license and accredit the program in Drug and Alcohol Recovery Counselor, leading to the Associate of Science (A.S.) degree, for a period of time concurrent with institutional accreditation. J. Gatling seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

- f. Southern Connecticut State University – reaccreditation of the University

J. Zdanys reviewed the staff report. The University was represented by President Cheryl Norton.

After discussion, J. Reynolds moved that the Board of Governors accept the NEASC assessment and grant accreditation to Southern Connecticut State University until June 30, 2012, with the stipulation that the University submit to the Department of Higher Education a copy of the Fall 2008 report the University prepares for the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, and that the Department of Higher Education provide a summary of that report to the Board of Governors. F. Ridley seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

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- g. University of Connecticut – licensure of a program in Public Health with a concentration in Occupational and Environmental Health Sciences, leading to the Doctor of Philosophy degree

J. Zdanys reviewed the staff report and introduced James Henkel, Associate Vice Provost, Professor Lawrence Silbart, and Associate Professor Nicholas Warren, who represented the University.

After discussion, J. Reynolds moved that the Board of Governors for Higher Education license a program in Public Health with a concentration in Occupational and Environmental Health Sciences, leading to the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph. D.) degree, to be offered by the University of Connecticut until June 2010. J. Gatling seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

- h. St. Joseph College – licensure of program in online Biochemistry, leading to a Master of Science degree

J. Zdanys reviewed the staff report. R. Robins and other members of the Board expressed concerns regarding the laboratory component of the program. The item has been tabled until the September meeting when members of the College can be present to respond to the questions and concerns of the Board.

Progress Report

- i. Sacred Heart University – licensure of a program Criminal Justice, leading to a Master of Arts degree

J. Zdanys reviewed the report and noted that the University has made substantial progress to address the concerns raised by the Board at the time the program was licensed.

Information Items

- a. Asnuntuck Community College, Capital Community College, Gateway Community College, Housatonic Community College, Manchester Community College, Middlesex Community College, Naugatuck Valley Community College, Northwestern Connecticut Community College, Quinebaug Valley Community College, and Three Rivers Community College – licensure and accreditation of a Health Career Pathways Certificate

J. Zdanys reviewed the report and noted that though the program does not require Board approval, it is a new certificate offered system-wide within the Community Colleges and addresses workforce shortages in Connecticut.

- b. St. Basil College – regional accreditation of the College

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J. Zdanys reviewed the report and noted that the College was granted candidacy status by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) on May 17, 2007 and hopes to have full NEASC accreditation in five years.

c. Monthly Update

J. Zdanys reviewed the monthly update.

9. Report of the Standing Advisory Committee

None.

10. Other Business

The Board confirmed its retreat would take place on July 26 at the UConn – Avery Point Campus.

11. Adjournment

J. Reynolds moved and J. Gatling seconded the motion to adjourn at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Constance Fraser
Secretary