

BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Minutes of the Meeting
November 19, 2008

Department of Higher Education
Hartford, CT

Members Present: D. Brennan, J. Gatling, J. Reynolds, F. Ridley, R. Robins,
A. Vertefeuille, M. Villani

Members Absent: W. Aniskovich, B. Flaherty, J. LaVecchia

Executive Committee, SAC: G. Bermúdez, CSUS; S. Braverman, CCSU; S. Jarvi, UConn;
G. Ragosta, CCIC; J. Sherrard, TRCC; R. Zabek, BOTCTC

Members of the Public: L. Aggison, UConn; M. Al Badayneh, Goodwin; J. Alfawared, Goodwin;
M. Al Refai, Goodwin; N. Bull, UConn; A. Clark, Goodwin; P. Cocchiola,
BOTCTC; J. Costello, Goodwin; B. Douglass, NCCC; L. Feroe, CSUS; P.
Halloran, CCSU; J. Henkel, UConn; J. Jefford, Goodwin; A. Levin Becker,
Hartford Courant; C. Norton, SCSU; B. Richards, HCC; M. Scheinberg,
Goodwin; K. Simmers, Goodwin

1. Call to Order

F. Ridley called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

2. Approval of the Board Minutes

J. Reynolds moved and R. Robins seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2008 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Participation

None.

4. Report of the Board Chairman

F. Ridley informed the Board that he has asked Board member R. Robins to chair the agency's new International Education Policy Advisory Council which will examine the development of academic programs in international fields, and their linkages to state business needs. Institutions have been invited to nominate representatives to the group.

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F. Ridley announced that Commissioner Meotti has been appointed to two SHEEO (State Higher Education Executive Officers) committees for federal relations, and data and information systems.

F. Ridley listed several events he attended recently, including the award of the 2008 Medal of Technology to Yale Professor T.P. Ma, the dedication of the new science building at Eastern Connecticut State University (with Board member A. Vertefeuille), and the 25th anniversary celebration of the Connecticut State University System (with Board member M. Villani). In addition, he attended meetings of the Advisory Committee on Accreditation; the Standing Advisory Committee; a discussion with Louise Feroe, Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs of the Connecticut State University System (CSUS); and an agency fundraiser for the annual Connecticut State Employees Campaign for Charitable Giving.

5. Report of the Commissioner

M. Meotti indicated that he met recently with CSUS student government leaders as part an effort to build stronger linkages with students.

M. Meotti announced that fall 2008 enrollments at Connecticut colleges and universities climbed 3.2 percent since last fall to 184,544, the largest annual gain in two decades and a new statewide record for the seventh consecutive year. The increase, in light of tough economic times, shows that people recognize the connection between education attainment levels, and employment and earnings capacity.

There was a brief discussion regarding the impact of the enrollment surge on campus facilities, personnel and other capacity issues.

6. Update on System-to-System Transfer and Articulation: Connecticut State University System (CSUS) and Community Colleges of Connecticut (CCC)

Commissioner Meotti introduced David Carter, CSUS Chancellor; Marc Herzog, CCC Chancellor; Barbara Douglass, President of Northwestern Connecticut Community College; and Cheryl Norton, President of Southern Connecticut State University. Chancellor Herzog noted the group's appreciation of the Board's interest in this topic, and thanked the Board for the opportunity to provide an update on transfer and articulation. M. Herzog summarized the history of student transfer in Connecticut, and emphasized that the leadership of the two systems' 16 college presidents was paramount to the success of the system-to-system articulation agreement and student advancement. He underscored the importance of the relationship between the two system offices since most community college transfer students continue their studies at one of the four state universities.

Chancellor Carter commended former Manchester Community College President Jonathan Daube with whom he initiated Eastern Connecticut State University's first transfer agreement while he headed Eastern. He also thanked Chancellor Herzog for his commitment to and work on

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behalf of the transfer agreement. He stated the transfer agreement is only the beginning of similar efforts to broaden student access.

Presidents Norton and Douglass conducted a presentation on the implementation of the transfer agreement since it was signed on March 29, 2007. As part of the agreement, both systems are facilitating the development of transfer compacts between each receiving university and the 12 community colleges with the goal of having one system-to-system transfer process in place by fall 2010.

The presidents reviewed key impacts, including the understanding that a student transferring from a community college will enter the CSUS as a true junior, bringing a minimum of 60 credits and enjoying the privileges of a typical junior such as housing choices, library services and financial aid. They noted that next steps would include the creation of marketing and promotional materials, and the acquisition of sufficient resources, such as staff development and training, to support implementation.

D. Brennan congratulated all those involved for their work on advancing transfer. There was a brief discussion on how grades will transfer between the two systems for both general education requirements and electives. R. Robins asked about transferring grade point averages (GPA). President Norton replied that the agreement is designed to transfer a student's associates' degree, and not a GPA, as is customary in the transfer process.

J. Reynolds asked how early should students decide whether or not they are transferring, and noted that students should understand upfront which courses are transferrable. President Douglass concurred that students should decide and be informed of their transfer options as early as possible, and be aware of those courses which do transfer, such as calculus, in contrast to those which don't, such as developmental math. She stressed the critical value of advisement.

F. Ridley noted the importance of expanding public awareness about the transfer agreement to assure that students fully understand their options.

Chancellor Herzog added that all 12 community colleges have transfer agreements with the University of Connecticut in addition to the CSUS. He noted also that the community colleges have compacts in place with independent colleges which have been very cooperative in expanding opportunities for transfer.

7. Commissioner's Consent Calendar

- a. American International College – reauthorization to place students in educator preparation programs for the required field experience and clinical practice in Connecticut schools
- b. Central Connecticut State University – licensure of a program in Mathematics Education Leadership, leading to a Sixth-Year Certificate

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- c. Columbia University, Teachers College – authorization to place students enrolled in the University’s programs in Art and Art Education and in the Summer Principals Academy in practicums and internship field experiences in Connecticut
- d. Sacred Heart University – licensure of a program in Exercise Science and Nutrition, leading to the Master of Science degree
- e. Sacred Heart University – licensure of a program in Marketing, in leading the Bachelor of Science degree
- f. Three Rivers Community College – licensure and accreditation of a program in Entrepreneurial Studies, leading to the Associate of Science degree
- g. Constituent Unit Operating Fund Reports for the Three-Month Period Ending September 30, 2008

On a motion made by A. Vertefeuille, seconded by J. Reynolds, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Commissioner’s Consent Calendar.

8. Academic Affairs

Action Items

- a. University of Connecticut – accreditation of a program in Microbial Systems Analysis, leading to the Master of Science degree

J. Zdanys reviewed the staff report and introduced campus representatives Nancy Bull, Interim Vice Provost for Academic Administration; James Henkel, Associate Vice Provost for Research and Graduate Education; and Lee Aggison, Associate Dean of Research and Graduate Education.

After discussion, J. Reynolds moved that the Board of Governors for Higher Education accredit a program in Microbial Systems Analysis, leading to the Master of Science (M.S.) degree, offered by the University of Connecticut, for a period of time concurrent with institutional accreditation. J. Gatling seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

- b. Goodwin College – approval to establish baccalaureate level programs and licensure of a program in Child Studies, leading to the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree

J. Zdanys reviewed the staff report and introduced campus representatives Mark Scheinberg, President; Ann Clark, Vice President; and Lori Blake, Program Director.

After discussion, J. Reynolds moved that that the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve Goodwin College’s request to offer baccalaureate degree level programs and license a

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program in Child Studies, leading to the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree for a period of two years, until November 30, 2010. J. Gatling seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Information Item

a. Monthly Update

In the interest of time, J. Zdanys briefly summarized the update.

9. Other Business

None.

10. Report of the Standing Advisory Committee (SAC)

None.

11. Adjournment

A. Vertefeuille moved and J. Gatling seconded the motion to adjourn at 10:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Constance Fraser
Secretary