

BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Minutes of the Meeting
October 15, 2008

Housatonic Community College
Bridgeport, CT

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

Members Absent: W. Aniskovich, J. LaVecchia

Executive Committee, SAC: G. Bermúdez, CSUS; D. Cassiday, COSC; J. Sherrard, TRCC;
R. Zabek, BOTCTC

Members of the Public: L. Bayusik, HCC; K. Bergstrom, Stamford Urban Redevelopment Committee;
G. Buckles, MCC; C. Certo, University of Hartford; P. Cocchiola, BOTCTC; J. Ferraiolo, CSUS; M. Gist, HCC; A. Gliniecki, HCC; J. Gonzales, HCC; A. Hendrickson, HCC; Z. Martinez (w/ I. Velez) Central HS/HCC; S. O'Connell, Albertus; A. Savage, MCC; R. Thornton, HCC; D. Zeiser, University of Hartford

1. Call to Order

F. Ridley called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.

2. Approval of the Board Minutes

J. Reynolds moved and J. Gatling seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2008 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Participation

None.

4. Campus Welcome

F. Ridley introduced Anita Gliniecki, President of Housatonic Community College, who welcomed the Board to the College and to its new Beacon Hall. President Gliniecki stated that the College had outgrown its capacity to serve growing numbers of students since moving to its present location in 1997, and that Beacon Hall provides much-needed space for keeping up with student demand.

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5. Report of the Board Chairman

None.

6. Report of the Commissioner

a. Update on Strategic Planning

M. Meotti stated that he had spoken to the chief executive officers of the University of Connecticut, the Connecticut State University System, and the Community Colleges about creating a new working group or using the existing statutory framework of the Higher Education Coordinating Council as a vehicle for starting a strategic planning process.

7. Commissioner's Consent Calendar

- a. University of Bridgeport – licensure of a program in Biomedical Engineering, leading to the Master of Science degree
- b. Eastern Connecticut State University – approval of a program modification from the Performing Arts major: Music to a Music major, leading to the Bachelor of Arts degree
- c. Eastern Connecticut State University – approval of a program modification from the Performing Arts major: Theater to a Theater major, leading to the Bachelor of Arts degree
- d. Fordham University – authorization to place students enrolled in the University's Graduate School Psychology program in practicums and internship field placements in Connecticut
- e. Housatonic Community College – reaccreditation of the College
- f. Manchester Community College – reaccreditation of the College
- g. Manchester Community College – licensure of a program in Music Studies, leading to the Associate in Science degree
- h. Manchester Community College – licensure of a Pathway to Teaching Careers program, leading to the Associate in Arts degree
- i. Mercy College, Dobbs Ferry, New York – authorization to place students enrolled in the Communication Disorders Graduate Program in Connecticut schools

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- j. University of New England, Biddeford, Maine – authorization to place students enrolled in the Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies in Educational Leadership Program for required field experience and clinical practice in Connecticut schools
- k. Northwestern Connecticut Community College – reaccreditation of the College
- l. University of Scranton – authorization to place students enrolled in the University ‘s On-line Master of Science in Educational Administration Program into field/clinical placements in Connecticut

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

8. Academic Affairs

Action Items

- a. Albertus Magnus College – licensure and accreditation of an Associate of Science and a Bachelor of Science in Business Management offered by the College, through its New Dimensions program at Warnco in Milford, and of an Associate of Science, a Bachelor of Science in Business Management, and a Master of Business in Administration degree offered by the College, through its New Dimensions program, at Foxwoods Casino in Ledyard

J. Zdanys reviewed the staff report and introduced Dean Sean O’Connell, who represented the College.

After discussion, J. Reynolds moved that the Board of Governors for Higher Education license and accredit an Associate of Science (A.S.) and a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Business Management offered by the College, through its New Dimensions program, at Warnco in Milford, and an Associate of Science (A.S.), a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Business Management, and a Master of Business Administration degree offered by the College, through its New Dimensions program, at Foxwoods Casino in Ledyard, for a period of time concurrent with institutional accreditation. D. Brennan seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

- b. University of Hartford - Accreditation of a program in Mathematics (Certification, grades 7-12), leading to a Bachelor of Arts degree

J. Zdanys reviewed the staff report and introduced Dean Dorothy Zeiser, who represented the University.

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After discussion, J. Reynolds moved that the Board of Governors for Higher Education accredit a program in Mathematics (Certification, grades 7-12), offered by the University of Hartford, leading to a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree, for a period of time concurrent with institutional accreditation. J. Gatling seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

- c. University of Hartford - Accreditation of a program in Physical Therapy, leading to the Doctor of Physical Therapy degree

J. Zdanys reviewed the staff report. The University was represented by Dean Dorothy Zeiser and Catherine Certo, Program Director.

The Board discussed legislative, public health, and higher education issues surrounding the transition of the Physical Therapy degree from a Master's level to the Doctorate level for entry into the field. Mr. Ridley requested that the Department look into these issues for future discussion.

After discussion, J. Reynolds moved that the Board of Governors for Higher Education accredit a program in Physical Therapy, leading to the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree, to be offered by the University of Hartford, for a period of time concurrent with institutional accreditation. D. Brennan seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

A. Vertefeuille noted the participation of Executive Committee members of the Standing Advisory Committee at the Board table, and expressed his appreciation, before turning to the Information Item.

Information Item

- a. Monthly Update

J. Zdanys reviewed the update. F. Ridley requested that the Department update the Board on the number of students placed in clinical practice and field experience internships in Connecticut by out-of-state institutions.

9. Other Business

- a. Discussion: Programs for Student Success @ Housatonic Community College (HCC)

M. Meotti stated that Board meetings hosted by colleges present institutions with opportunities to showcase their distinctive programs and services. The Department invited HCC officials to speak to their Programs for Student Success since the Department works with HCC through Gear UP and its new Connections program which is designed to help underrepresented students graduate from high school and college. Such pathway programs are likely be a focus of the P-20 Council

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as more students enroll in community colleges. Meotti cited Greenwich as an example where 30 percent of its graduating high school seniors go onto Norwalk Community College.

President Gliniecki began the HCC panel presentation by stating that all new HCC students plan their course of study based on whether they intend to enter the workforce or graduate from a four-year institution as a transfer student. She then introduced panel presenters Avis Hendrickson, Dean of Students; Joyce Gonzales, Coordinator of the Connections Program; and Monique Gist, a student in the Connections Program. A. Gliniecki provided background for the panelist comments, starting with HCC's participation in "Achieving the Dream," a national initiative funded by Nellie Mae Foundation and the Lumina Foundation to increase the success of low-income and minority students.

She described the three components of HCC's Student Success Program: 1) Bridges, a college prep program involving high school and HCC students; 2) Success Coaching which helps HCC students succeed in courses, and 3) the Open Entry/Open Exit Math Course which allows students to re-start a math course at the point where they began having problems.

Joyce Gonzales described the Connections program which serves 25 students, including Monique Gist. M. Gist stated that the program fits her needs well because she was not ready for a four-year college when she graduated from high school. She stated her experience in Connections has been positive and that she values how participants help and motivate each another.

There was a brief discussion regarding gender trends in college enrollment. A. Gliniecki noted that women make up the majority of HCC students as at most community colleges. HCC has a group working on an initiative to attract more male students to the College.

Deputy Commissioner J. Ciarleglio introduced Ana Pagan, Gear UP Coordinator in Bridgeport, and Zuleika Martinez, a Gear UP student who is blind and attending Central High School and HCC. Gear UP has funded specialized software and equipment to enable Martinez to complete her studies in preparing to become a foreign language interpreter.

10. Report of the Standing Advisory Committee (SAC)

J. Sherrard invited Board members to attend SAC meetings and identified its four task groups: Transfer and Articulation, Teacher Preparation, Textbook Costs (now known as Rising Costs of Higher Education), and Student Preparation -- the latter is the focus of the November joint meeting with the Board. G. Bermudez noted that the November joint meeting will include a discussion of high school reform and P-20 issues.

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11. Adjournment

J. Reynolds moved and A. Vertefeuille seconded the motion to adjourn at 11:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Constance Fraser
Secretary