

BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Minutes of the Academic Affairs Committee Meeting
United Illuminating, New Haven
May 7, 2009

Members Present: D. Brennan, R. Robins, J. Reynolds (via conference call)

Members Absent: A. Vertefeuille, F. Ridley (ex officio), B. Flaherty (ex officio)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:45 a.m.

2. Discussion of Accreditation Procedures

Commissioner Meotti began the discussion by stating that the Board's review of the institutional accreditation process presents a valuable opportunity to examine current agency practices and standards and may result in new evaluation approaches.

3. Review of an Institutional Accreditation Case

The group discussed the process of institutional review using an application for re-accreditation as a framework. Committee members focused on the institutional self-study that results from the agency's application for accreditation, and questioned whether the format of the self-study adequately captures institutional characteristics such as the engagement of faculty, staff, students, alumni and the administrative leadership.

4. Other Business

None

4. Adjournment

The motion to adjourn occurred at 11:35 a.m.