

BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Minutes of the Meeting
February 25, 2009

Department of Higher Education
Hartford, CT

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

Members Absent: W. Aniskovich, J. Gatling, J. Reynolds

Executive Committee, SAC: G. Bermúdez, CSUS; S. Braverman, CCSU; D. Cassiday, COSC; G. Ragosta, CCIC; R. Zabek, BOTCTC

Members of the Public: J. Carson, UHart; C. Certo, UHart; A. Clark, Goodwin; J. Costello, Goodwin; J. Ferraiolo, CSUS; F. Gulluni, ACC; R. Hathway, Goodwin; J. Jefford, Goodwin; Q. Mack, ACC; M. McLeod, ACC; M. Parente, UHart; L. Pasquerella, UHart; M. Scheinberg, Goodwin; J. Troup, NVCC; R. Yirga, CSUS; D. Zeiser, UHart

1. Call to Order

F. Ridley called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

2. Approval of the Board Minutes

R. Robins moved and M. Villani seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2009 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Participation

None.

4. Report of the Board Chairman

F. Ridley congratulated Commissioner Meotti on his appointment to the New England Board of Higher Education (NEBHE).

He noted that the upcoming March 6 NEBHE awards dinner will honor Lawrence D. McHugh, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University System, with the David C. Knapp Award for Trusteeship; and Merle W. Harris, President Emeritus, Charter Oak State College, with the Connecticut State Merit Award.

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Mr. Ridley added that Mary Ellen Jukoski, President of Mitchell College, has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.

He reported that Asnuntuck Community College will be sponsor a conference on March 27 addressing the “Next Generation of Manufacturing.”

5. Report of the Commissioner

Commissioner Meotti updated the Board on the Department of Higher Education’s testimony on February 13 before the Appropriations Committee, and stated that he will continue to apprise the Board of legislative developments.

a. Degrees Conferred by Connecticut Institutions of Higher Education

M. Johnson reviewed the Department’s annual report, *Degrees Conferred by Connecticut Institutions of Higher Education*. She stated that Connecticut colleges and universities awarded 36,634 degrees in 2007-08 for the state’s seventh consecutive year of growth and a 28 percent increase since 1998. Degrees earned by African Americans fell for a second year, but were up among Hispanics although this group is still significantly under-represented among graduates. She called on representatives from the University of Hartford and Asnuntuck Community College to speak to their success in graduating more students with engineering degrees.

Dr. Lynn Pasquerella, Provost of the University of Hartford, attributed her institution’s success to: 1) an enhanced tutoring program, 2) a four-year curriculum with hands-on design work at each stage, 3) realistic academic goals for students, and 4) opportunities for collaboration. She also described the University’s initiatives to create a pipeline and expand access for under-represented groups.

Three representatives from Asnuntuck Community College – Dr. Martha McLeod, President; Frank Gulluni, Director of Manufacturing Technology Center; and Qing Mack, Director of Institutional Research – spoke to the rapid growth in the College’s precision manufacturing program. Contributing factors include continuous improvement and upgrading, staff development, partnerships, leadership that fosters creativity, demand in the manufacturing community, integrated academic coursework and scholarships and internships. They described an animation demonstration to be held March 26-27.

Board members requested that staff provide further information on degrees awarded by race and ethnicity, especially among African Americans and Hispanics compared to their presence in the state’s general population. G. Ragosta asked for a breakdown on nursing degrees awarded by institutions.

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6. Academic Affairs

Action Items

- a. Goodwin College – licensure of an RN-BSN program

J. Zdanys reviewed the staff report and introduced Mark Scheinberg, President; Ann Clark, Vice President; Janet Jefford, Director of Institutional Effectiveness; and Rosemary Hathaway, Program Director; who represented the College.

After discussion, R. Robins moved that the Board of Governors for Higher Education license an RN-BSN program, leading to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree, to be offered by Goodwin College, for a period of three years, until March 31, 2012. B. Flaherty seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Information Items

- a. Monthly Update

J. Zdanys summarized the monthly update.

7. Commissioner's Consent Calendar

- a. Albertus Magnus College – licensure and accreditation of a Bachelor of Science in Business Management and a Master of Business Administration degree through the New Dimensions program, at Asnuntuck Community College in Enfield
- b. Albertus Magnus College – licensure of a program in Education, leading to the Master of Science in Education
- c. Goodwin College – approval of the College's new facility, to meet Board of Governors' Standards on Facilities and Equipment (10a-34-19) and Library and Learning Resources (10a-34-18)
- d. University of Connecticut – accreditation of a program in Public Health with a concentration in Social and Behavioral Health Sciences, leading to the Doctor of Philosophy degree
- e. University of Hartford – licensure of a program in Prosthetics and Orthotics, leading to the Master of Science degree
- f. Constituent Unit Operating Fund Reports for the Six-Month Period Ending December 31, 2008

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

8. Other Business

M. Villani moved and B. Flaherty seconded a motion to approve the revised 2009 meeting schedule of the Board of Governors for Higher Education. The new schedule will be posted at www.ctdhe.org.

9. Report of the Standing Advisory Committee (SAC)

S. Braverman informed the Board that the discussion for the April joint meeting will be "Assessing Transfer and Articulation Programs: Are They Working?"

10. Adjournment

A. Vertefeuille moved and B. Flaherty seconded the motion to adjourn at 2:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Constance Fraser
Secretary