

BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Minutes of the Meeting
April 22, 2009

Department of Higher Education
Hartford, CT

Members Present: W. Aniskovich, B. Flaherty, J. Reynolds F. Ridley, R. Robins, A. Vertefeuille, M. Villani

Members Absent: D. Brennan, J. Gatling, J. LaVecchia

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

Members of the Public: P. Susen, P. Cocchiola, BOTCTC; D. Boyd, P. Hirschy, ACC; M. Thornton, CCC; B. Poirier, L. Doninger, GCC; J. Ferraiolo, L. Feroe, T. Boyd Cowles, CSUS; Z. Kremens, A. Gates, N. Al-Masoud, A. Froning, B. Hosch, CCSU; K. Crone, ECSU; R. Myers, WCSU; G. Merritt, Hartford Courant; F. King, M. Paterson, E. Cole, Univ. of Hartford; D. Grabel, K. Zirkle, F. Mulgrew, Post Univ.

1. Call to Order

Chairman Ridley called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

2. Approval of the Board Minutes

A. Vertefeuille moved and M. Villani seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2009 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Participation

None.

4. Report of the Board Chairman

F. Ridley reported on a technology seminar that he attended at Asnuntuck Community College, and on the Transfer Compact Agreement signing between the Connecticut State University System and the Connecticut Community Colleges which he attended with Commissioner Meotti earlier in the day.

Ridley announced the re-convening of the Board's Academic Affairs Committee which will be chaired by A. Vertefeuille. Other members are D. Brennan, R. Robins and J. Reynolds; B. Flaherty and F. Ridley will serve ex-officio.

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A. Vertefeuille reported that the Board's Nominating Committee has recommended that F. Ridley and B. Flaherty be re-nominated as Board Chair and Vice-Chair respectively. A vote on Board officers is scheduled to take place at the Board's May meeting.

5. Report of the Commissioner

Commissioner Meotti reported that Dr. Jonas Zdanys, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs, has announced his retirement; the Board congratulated Zdanys for his service and leadership to the Department and the Connecticut higher education community.

a. Highlights of Appropriations Committee Budget

Commissioner Meotti reported that the Department's summary of the Appropriations Committee recommendations regarding the FY 2009-11 Operating Budget for Higher Education is available on the Department's website.

b. Presentation – *Higher Education: Building Connecticut's Workforce*

M. Johnson, Associate Commissioner, presented the report, *Higher Education: Building Connecticut's Workforce*, prepared jointly by the Departments of Higher Education and Labor with the support of the constituents units. The report provides data on the employment and compensation of students who graduated from the state's 18 public colleges in 2007. The report shows that 70 percent of the students were employed in Connecticut nine months after graduation and earned an average of \$40,000. About 45 percent of the graduates found employment in education and health services. The greatest number of employed graduates majored in business management.

Academic Affairs

Action Items

- a. Post University – Licensure and accreditation of a program in Sport Management, leading to the Bachelor of Science degree, to be offered on-line and on-campus

J. Zdanys, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs, reviewed the staff report and introduced Kenneth Zirkle, President, Frank Mulgrew, Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Daron Grabel, Program Manager, who represented the University.

After discussion, J. Reynolds moved that the Board of Governors for Higher Education license and accredit a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Sport Management, to be offered by Post University on-campus and online for a period of time concurrent with institutional accreditation. M. Villani seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

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- b. University of Hartford – Accreditation of a program in Aural Habilitation and Education of Hearing Impaired Children, leading to the M.Ed. degree

J. Zdanys reviewed the staff report and introduced Marietta Paterson, Deaf Education Director, Frederick King, Professor and Chair of the Education and Human Services Department, who represented the University, and Elizabeth Cole of the Soundbridge School.

After discussion, J. Reynolds moved that the Board of Governors for Higher Education accredit a program in Aural Habilitation and Education of Hearing Impaired Children, leading to the Master of Education degree, offered by the University of Hartford, for a period of time concurrent with institutional accreditation. R. Robins seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Information Items

- a. Monthly Update

J. Zdanys summarized the monthly update and noted that there has recently been an increase in the number of doctoral program applications submitted.

7. Commissioner's Consent Calendar

- a. Central Connecticut State University – accreditation of a program in Mechanical Engineering, leading to the Bachelor of Science degree
- b. St. John's University/St. John Fisher Seminary – relicensure of St. John's University to offer a program in Philosophical-Theological Studies at St. John Fisher Seminary Residence in Stamford
- c. Springfield College, Springfield, Massachusetts – reauthorization to place students enrolled in educator preparation programs for required field experience and clinical practice in Connecticut
- d. University of Hartford – modification of a program in Art History, leading to a Bachelor of Arts degree

On a motion made by R. Robins, and seconded by M. Villani, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Commissioner's Consent Calendar.

8. Joint Meeting of the BGHE/SAC

F. Ridley called the joint meeting to order at 2:17 p.m.

On a motion made by A. Vertefeuille and seconded by J. Reynolds, the minutes of the November 19, 2008 meeting were approved unanimously.

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S. Braverman summarized the topic of the joint meeting, “student transfer and articulation” and noted that Commissioner Meotti had asked SAC to explore how well the transfer and articulation process is working in Connecticut.

S. Braverman introduced T. Boyd Cowles from CSUS who discussed the CT State University System Transfer Profile (Fall 2008). The profile includes such information as the total number of transfer students (in and out-of-state, independent/private colleges, Connecticut community colleges) from 2001 – 2008.

S. Braverman introduced Dean Kremens from Central Connecticut State University who discussed pathways to engineering. Discussion included the difficulties in transferring in engineering as it is a well-defined course. CCSU handles these transfer students successfully due to being well-organized and having site coordinators in place.

S. Braverman introduced Mary Jean Thornton from Capital Community College who discussed how students transfer from community colleges to 4-year institutions. Written documents and online information explaining transfer are available to help students.

Other discussion included the official MOU/Transfer Compact signing which was held at the Legislative Office Building earlier in the day, the matrix for transferability of courses, student input on transferring, and an assessment of the transfer process.

F. Ridley asked that the CSUS update the Board periodically on their progress and asked that SAC maintain an active interest in the transfer process and thanked them for their work thus far.

On a motion made by F. Ridley and seconded by J. Reynolds, the joint meeting was adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

9. Other Business

a. Executive Session – Personnel Matters

On a motion made by R. Robins, seconded by M. Villani, the Board voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 3:58 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

The Board returned to public session at 4:25 p.m.

On a motion made by A. Vertefeulle, and seconded by B. Flaherty, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the Chair to direct the Commissioner to sign the existing negotiated collective bargaining agreement with the Department of Higher Education’s bargaining unit, upon advice of the Commissioner that the overall State agreement has been reached or, if not, our bargaining unit has asked to finalize the agreement.

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10. Adjournment

A. Vertefeuille moved and B. Flaherty seconded the motion to adjourn at 4:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Constance Fraser
Secretary