

BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Minutes of the Meeting
October 21, 2009

Department of Higher Education
Hartford, CT
(via teleconference)

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

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

Executive Committee
SAC: G. Bermudez, CSUS; G. Ragosta, CCIC; M. Rooke, TCC

Members of the Public: M. Affleck, CCC; A. Barker, SHU; J. Bartone, SHU; D. Dauwalder, UNH;
S. DeNisco, SHU; J. Ferraiolo, CSUS; M. Gaboury, UNH

1. Call to Order

Chairman Ridley called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

2. Approval of the Board Minutes

R. Robins moved and M. Villani seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2009 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Participation

None.

4. Report of the Board Chairman

Chairman Ridley indicated that he had spoken with Michael Hogan, President of the University of Connecticut, to extend his condolences on behalf of the Board of Governors and the Department of Higher Education over the death of UConn football player and student Jasper Howard.

F. Ridley noted that Commissioner Meotti is not present at today's Board meeting due to his involvement in court proceedings regarding the Connecticut Student Loan Foundation and that Deputy Commissioner Jane Ciarleglio is representing the Commissioner in his absence.

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5. Report of the Commissioner

None.

6. Commissioner's Consent Calendar

J. LaVecchia requested that item b., St. Vincent's College, be removed from the Commissioner's Consent Calendar and be reviewed as an action item.

- a. Central Connecticut State University – reaccreditation of the University
- b. St. Vincent's College – reaccreditation of the College
- c. Capital Community College – licensure and accreditation of a program in Music Industry, leading to an Associate of Science degree
- d. Quinebaug Valley Community College – licensure and accreditation of a Pathway to Teaching Careers program, leading to an Associate of Arts degree
- e. Three Rivers Community College - licensure and accreditation of a Pathway to Teaching Careers program, leading to an Associate of Arts degree
- f. Sacred Heart University - licensure of a program in Health Science, leading to the Bachelor of Science Degree (B.S.)
- g. University of Connecticut – licensure and accreditation of a program in Financial Risk Management, leading to the Master of Science (M.S.) degree
- h. Quinnipiac University – accreditation of a program in Radiologist Assistant, leading to the Master of Health Science (M.H.S.) degree
- i. University of Hartford – accreditation of a Master of Fine Arts (MFA) program with a concentration in Illustration
- j. Western Connecticut State University – accreditation of a Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) program, leading to Certification in Secondary Education (6-12) with options in Mathematics, Spanish, and Biology
- k. Albertus Magnus College – modification of a Business Administration program to be offered online, leading to a Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) degree
- l. Fairfield University - modification of a program in Teaching and Foundations into two separate programs by keeping the current title for non-certification and creating a Masters in Secondary Education with Initial 7-12 Certification, both leading to a Master of Arts (M.A.) degree

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- m. Fairfield University - modification of a program in Applied Psychology with concentrations in Human Services Psychology, Foundations of Advanced Psychology, and Industrial/Organizational Psychology into individual programs, each leading to a Master of Arts (M.A.) degree
- n. 2009 Annual Report of the Connecticut Higher Education Trust

On a motion made by M. Werle, and seconded by R. Robins, the Board of Governors voted unanimously to approve the Commissioner's Consent Calendar with the exception of item b.

7. Academic Affairs

Action Items

- a. St. Vincent's College – Reaccreditation of the College

After discussion, R. Robins moved that the Board of Governors for Higher Education accept the NEASC assessment and grant accreditation to St. Vincent's College for a period of five years, until December 31, 2014. M. Werle seconded; the motion passed with J. LaVecchia abstaining.

- b. Sacred Heart University – Licensure of a program in Nursing Practice, leading to the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree (DNP)

C. Thatcher reviewed the staff report and introduced Anne Barker, Chair of the Nursing Department and Susan DeNisco, Clinical Associate Professor, who represented the University. Dr. Thatcher noted that if approved, this program will be the second doctoral program to be offered by Sacred Heart University and the second Doctor of Nursing Practice program available in Connecticut.

After discussion, R. Robins moved that the Board of Governors for Higher Education license a program in Nursing Practice, leading to the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree (DNP), offered by Sacred Heart University, for a period of three years, until October 31, 2012, and that the University consider the suggestions from the evaluation team prior to programmatic accreditation. M. Werle seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

- c. University of New Haven – Licensure of a program in Criminal Justice, leading to the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree

C. Thatcher reviewed the staff report and introduced David Dauwalder, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, and Professor Mario Gaboury, who represented the University. Dr. Thatcher noted that if approved, the program will be the first of its kind offered in the State.

After discussion, A Vertefeuille moved that the Board of Governors for Higher Education license a program in Criminal Justice, leading to the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree, offered by the University of New Haven for a period of three years, until October 31, 2012.

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Mr. Vertefeuille also moved that the University clarify its admissions standards and graduation requirements at the time of accreditation. J. LaVecchia seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Information Items

d. Monthly Update

C. Thatcher summarized the monthly update.

8. Other Business

None.

9. Report of the Standing Advisory Committee (SAC)

G. Ragosta noted that the Standing Advisory Committee will meet with the Board of Governors in December with a topic to be determined.

10. Executive Session

a. Executive Session – Personnel Matters

The executive session was tabled until the next meeting in November.

11. Adjournment

M. Villani moved and D. Brennan seconded the motion to adjourn at 1:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Constance Fraser
Secretary