

BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Minutes of the Meeting
January 20, 2010

Department of Higher Education
Hartford, CT

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

Members Absent: W. Aniskovich, B. Flaherty, J. Gatling, R. Robins

Executive Committee SAC: G. Bermudez, CSUS; D. Cassiday, COSC; G. Ragosta, CCIC;
J. Sherrard, TRCC

Members of the Public: P. Cocchiola, BOTCTC; J. Ferraiolo, CSUS; S. Healey, University of Bridgeport; B. O'Dowd, Office of State Ethics; A. Santiago, University of Bridgeport; M. Trimble, Office of State Ethics; H. van der Giessen, University of Bridgeport

1. Call to Order

Chairman Ridley called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

2. Routine Briefing for Public Officials by the Office of State Ethics

Meredith Trimble and Brian O'Dowd from the Office of State Ethics conducted a presentation on *Ethics 101 for State Employees* for Board members.

3. Approval of the Board Minutes

J. Reynolds moved and A. Vertefeuille seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2009 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Public Participation

None.

5. Report of the Board Chairman

Chairman Ridley asked Board members to inform him at the end of the meeting of their interest in participating in spring 2010 Connecticut college commencements so that arrangements can be made.

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6. Report of the Commissioner

M. Meotti noted that the Department is seeking nominations for the 2010 Medal of Technology. This Medal is awarded in alternate years with the Medal of Science. The due date for 2010 nominations is March 1. Board members who may know of suitable candidates may download the application or contact DHE Director Connie Fraser.

7. Commissioner's Consent Calendar

- a. Policies for Credit Card Offers on College Campuses
- b. Central Connecticut State University – accreditation of a minor program in Language and Computation
- c. Mitchell College – accreditation of a program in Hospitality and Tourism Management, leading to the Bachelor of Science degree
- d. Fairfield University – accreditation of a program in Communications, leading to a Master of Arts degree
- e. Fairfield University – accreditation of a program in Creative Writing, leading to a Master of Fine Arts degree
- f. Three Rivers Community College – licensure of a program in Exercise Science, leading to an Associate of Science degree
- g. Albertus Magnus College – licensure of a program in Writing, leading to the Master of Fine Arts degree
- h. University of Bridgeport – licensure of a program in Physician Assistant, leading to the Master of Science degree
- i. Three Rivers Community College – licensure and accreditation of a program in Visual Fine Arts, leading to an Associate of Arts degree
- j. Fairfield University – modification of a program in Counselor Education Community & School into two separate programs to include School Counseling and Clinical Mental Health Counseling
- k. Sacred Heart University – modification of a program in Business Administration, leading to a Master of Business Administration degree, to include an online option
- l. Western Connecticut State University – modification of a program in Professional Writing, leading to the Master of Fine Arts degree

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- m. Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University - Semiannual Progress Report and Request for Outside Students

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

8. Academic Affairs

Action Items

- a. University of Bridgeport - Licensure of a program in Health Science, leading to the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree

DHE Associate Director Christine Thatcher reviewed the staff report and introduced Dean Hans van der Giessen, Dean Stephen Healey, and Professor Angela Santiago who represented the institution. Dean van der Giessen reviewed the program's development, its academic resources and its student advising component.

After discussion, J. Reynolds moved that the Board of Governors for Higher Education license a program in Health Science, leading to the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree, to be offered by the University of Bridgeport, for a period of three years, until January 31, 2013. J. LaVecchia seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Information Items

- a. Monthly Update

Associate Director Thatcher summarized the monthly update and noted that The National Graduate School has been asked to submit additional information for relicensure of its program in Quality Systems Management, leading to the Master of Science degree. Chairman Ridley suggested that the National Graduate School be granted a one-month extension of licensure to allow time for the Department to receive the additional application materials. Chairman Ridley indicated that this extension be considered under other business.

9. Other Business

D. Brennan moved that the Board of Governors for Higher Education extend the licensure of a program in Quality Systems Management, leading to the Master of Science degree, offered by the National Graduate School, until March 31, 2010. A. Vertefeuille seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

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10. Report of the Standing Advisory Committee (SAC)

Standing Advisory Committee Chairman Sherrard reported that the group is eliminating its ad hoc subcommittees in order to concentrate on one or two topics. The Committee will continue to discuss transfer and articulation as well as remediation, and looks forward to its joint meeting with the Board this spring.

11. Executive Session

a. Executive Session – Personnel Matters

On a motion made by M. Villani, seconded by A. Vertefeuille, the Board voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 2:36 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

The Board returned to public session at 3:50 p.m.

12. Adjournment

A. Vertefeuille moved and J. Reynolds seconded the motion to adjourn at 3:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Constance Fraser
Secretary