

# BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Minutes of the Meeting  
December 16, 2009

Department of Higher Education  
Hartford, CT

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

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

Executive Committee SAC: G. Bermudez, CSUS; S. Jarvi, UConn; G. Ragosta, CCIC;  
J. Sherrard, TRCC; M. Rooke, TCC, S. Braverman, CCSU

Members of the Public: K. Blustajn, Saint Joseph; K. Crone, ECSU; K. Dalia, CCSU;  
L. Doninger, GCC; B. Edgren, Saint Joseph; L. Feroe, CSUS; J. Ferraiolo,  
CSUS; C. Hadden, Saint Joseph; S. Halverson, Holy Apostles; J. Henkel, Saint  
Joseph; P. Hirschy, ACC; P. Kedderis, CSUS; N. Kriscenski, MCC; R. Lockett,  
MCC; K. Megan, Courant; K. Morander, Saint Joseph; D. Mosey, Holy Apostles;  
B. Nicholas, Saint Joseph; J. Ofosu, Saint Joseph; K. Pittman, TCC; J. Papillo,  
Holy Apostles; P. Reid, Saint Joseph; S. Reitz, AP; D. Rice, UConn; G. Russell,  
MxCC; B. Smith, Saint Joseph; M. Thornton, CCC; J. Ugbo, CCC; S. Walker,  
CCSU; CF. Zizka, CCC

## 1. Call to Order

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

## 2. Approval of the Board Minutes

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

## 3. Public Participation

None.

## 4. Report of the Board Chairman

Chairman Ridley asked Board members to let him know of their interest in participating in spring 2010 Connecticut college commencements.

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### 5. Report of the Commissioner

M. Meotti introduced Nancy Brady, director of Finance and Facilities Analysis, who summarized the Department of Higher Education's annual report, *Degrees Conferred by Connecticut Institutions for Higher Education for 2008-09*. N. Brady noted that the number of college degrees awarded in Connecticut in 2008-09 was 3.9 percent higher than for the previous year and represented the eighth consecutive year of growth. Most notable was the ten percent jump in associates degrees, the largest in 20 years. The number of total degrees rose 7.3 percent for Black students, and 12.5 percent for Hispanic students. M. Meotti commented that the larger portion of degrees going to Black and Hispanic students is very good news for Connecticut.

### 6. Commissioner's Consent Calendar

- a. Albertus Magnus College – accreditation of an undergraduate Teacher Preparation program, leading to Certification in the following areas: Pre-K – 12 Art; Middle Grades (4-8): General Science, English, Spanish, History/Social Studies, Mathematics; Secondary Education (7-12): Business, Biology, Chemistry, General Science, English, Spanish, History/Social Studies, and Mathematics
- b. Albertus Magnus College – licensure of a program in Global Studies, leading to a Bachelor of Arts degree
- c. University of Bridgeport – reaccreditation of the University

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

### 7. Academic Affairs

#### Action Items

- a. Holy Apostles College and Seminary - Licensure of a program in Pastoral Studies, leading to a Master of Arts (M.A.) degree Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies, Holy Apostles College and Seminary offered both on ground and online

Carlota Schechter, senior associate of Academic Affairs, reviewed the staff report and introduced James F. Papillo, vice president of Administrative Affairs and associate professor of Humanities; the Reverend Douglas L. Mosey, president and rector; and Father Serge Halverson, director of Distance Learning and assistant professor of Homiletics; who represented the institution.

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After discussion, J. Reynolds moved that the Board of Governors for Higher Education:

- license a Master of Arts (M.A.) program in Pastoral Studies, to be offered on ground and online by Holy Apostles College and Seminary, for a period of two years, until December 31, 2011;
- establish December 31, 2010 as the due date for an application for the accreditation of this program; and
- stipulate that, in addition to the information included in all accreditation applications, the application for this program include the following:
  - An explanation of how this program fits in the larger strategic plan for the College,
  - The names, credentials, and qualifications of faculty teaching in each of the concentrations, with particular emphasis on the identifying faculty with expertise in Parish Administration,
  - A description of the support provided by the College for online learning with particular emphasis on the availability of electronic library resources and support services for students and faculty, and a specific plan for how the educational outcomes of the program and each of the three concentrations will be evaluated.

J. LaVecchia seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

- b. Saint Joseph College - Licensure of a program in Pharmacy, leading to the Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) degree

Christine Thatcher, associate director of Academic Affairs, reviewed the staff report and introduced Pamela Reid, president; Joseph Ofosu, dean; and James Henkel, associate dean, who represented the College. President Reid and Dean Ofosu reviewed the development of the program, its curriculum, admissions requirements, and the new facility that will house the program.

After discussion, J. Reynolds moved that the Board of Governors for Higher Education license a Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) program, to be offered by Saint Joseph College, for a period of three years, until December 31, 2012, provided that students may not matriculate into the program until pre-candidacy status has been achieved through the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). J. LaVecchia seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

### Information Items

- a. Monthly Update

C. Thatcher summarized the monthly update and noted that this information is now available on the Department's website.

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### 8. Finance and Administration

#### a. Credit Card Legislation/Policies

Mark French, associate director of Student Financial Assistance, reported that Public Act No. 09-167 (Exhibit A) requires the Board of Governors for Higher Education to adopt policies, on or before January 1, 2010, regulating the marketing practices of credit card vendors wishing to appear on Connecticut public college and university campuses. M. French worked collaboratively with representatives of the state's public institutions of higher education to draft policies for credit card offers on college campuses. He reviewed the policies.

It was recommended that for consistency, the word "issuers" be changed to "vendors" throughout the document.

On a motion made by A. Vertefeulle, and seconded by D. Brennan, the Board of Governors voted unanimously to adopt the policies as noted in Exhibit B.

### 9. Other Business

On a motion made by A. Vertefeulle, and seconded by M. Villani, the Board of Governors voted unanimously to approve the proposed 2010 Board of Governors for Higher Education Meeting Schedule.

### 10. Joint Meeting with the Standing Advisory Committee

Sharon Braverman, secretary to the Standing Advisory Committee and chair of its Subcommittee on Transfer and Articulation, stated that the Committee prepared an update on transfer and articulation and introduced Steve Jarvi, assistant vice provost; and Deborah Rice, associate director of admissions of the University of Connecticut. S. Jarvi summarized the Guaranteed Admissions Program (GAP) between UConn's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and its College of Agriculture and Natural Resources and the 12 community colleges.

Mary Jean Thornton, associate professor at Capital Community College, spoke about the Capital Crossroads to Careers (C3) Program and its partnership with The Travelers. M. Thornton introduced two program participants, Jessica Ubgo and Sandra Walker, who described how the C3 Program is helping them reach their educational and career goals.

Kelly Pittman, transfer coordinator/academic advisor at Tunxis Community College, relayed her experience as a transfer advisor and noted that students who participate in the formal transfer process have a smoother transfer than those who "self-advise."

Gloria Ragosta, vice president of the Connecticut Conference of Independent Colleges, distributed a handout listing the transfer agreements in place at the independent colleges, many of which are with the community colleges.

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Nance Kriscenski, professor at Manchester Community College, explained the transfer program in paralegal studies that exists between Manchester Community College and the University of Hartford. She introduced Rasheeda Lockett, a graduate of the program who spoke to the program's benefits.

Dr. Louise Feroe, senior vice chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs for the Connecticut State University System (CSUS); and Kim Crone, director of Admissions and Enrollment Management at Eastern Connecticut State University, summarized the progress of the CSU transfer initiative. CSUS enrolled 3,054 new transfers in fall 2009 with most originating from Connecticut's community colleges.

S. Braverman expressed appreciation to Board members for their continued interest in transfer issues; James Sherrard, chairman of the Standing Advisory Committee, for his support; and all presenters for participating in the session.

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 3:20 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

The Board returned to public session at 3:35 p.m.

On a motion made by A. Vertefeuille, seconded by J. Reynolds, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the Chairman to sign the contracts between the Board of Governors for Higher Education and the Deputy Commissioner and the Commissioner.

12. Adjournment

R. Robins moved and J. Reynolds seconded the motion to adjourn at 3:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Constance Fraser  
Secretary