

BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Minutes of the Meeting  
February 17, 2010

Department of Higher Education  
Hartford, CT  
(via teleconference)

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

Members Absent: W. Aniskovich, D. Brennan, J. Gatling

Executive Committee SAC: G. Bermudez, CSUS

Members of the Public: B. Berger, Talmudic; L. DuBois, OPM; J. Ferraiolo, CSUS;  
S. Sandstrom, UMass

1. Call to Order

Chairman Ridley called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

2. Approval of the Board Minutes

R. Robins moved and A. Vertefeuille seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2010 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Participation

None.

4. Report of the Board Chairman

None.

5. Report of the Commissioner

Commissioner Meotti called on Deputy Commissioner Jane Ciarleglio for an overview of the Governor's proposed budget and legislative issues. She reported that the proposed budget maintains level-funding for the public higher education systems. Funds were reduced for the Department of Higher Education's minority advancement and national services programs which will be discussed at the February 22 Appropriations Committee work group session. She stated that the Department will submit testimony on the Governor's tuition loan reimbursement proposal for college graduates majoring in green technology fields.

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Commissioner Meotti noted that because the state is in the second year of a two-year budget, current legislative deliberations about the budget are in the context of amendments to existing appropriations that run through June 30, 2011.

6. Commissioner's Consent Calendar

- a. Constituent Unit Operating Fund Reports for the Six-Month Period Ending December 31, 2010
- b. Fairfield University – licensure of a program in Nursing Practice, leading to the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree
- c. Sacred Heart University - licensure of a program in Applied Psychology, leading to a Master of Science degree on ground and online and two graduate certificates, one in Industrial Organizational Psychology and one in Community Psychology, also on ground and online
- d. Williams College - relicensure of a program in American Maritime Studies, offered at Mystic Seaport in Mystic, Connecticut

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

7. Academic Affairs

Action Items

- a. Talmudic Institute of Connecticut - Accreditation of an Institution of Higher Education to offer a Certificate in Talmudic Studies

DHE Associate Director Christine Thatcher reviewed the staff report and introduced Rabbi Simcha Bunim Berger, Dean and President of the Board of Directors. Rabbi Berger reviewed the evolution of the Institute and its program.

After discussion, A. Vertefeuille moved that the Board of Governors for Higher Education accredit the Talmudic Institute of Connecticut and the Certificate in Talmudic Studies for a period of five years, until February 28, 2015. J. Reynolds seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

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8. Other Business

None.

9. Report of the Standing Advisory Committee (SAC)

Germán Bermúdez reported that SAC looks forward to discussing remediation with the Board at its joint meeting in May.

10. Adjournment

R. Robins moved and B. Flaherty seconded the motion to adjourn at 1:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Constance Fraser  
Secretary