

BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Minutes of the Meeting
June 16, 2010

Department of Higher Education
Hartford, CT

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

Members Absent: W. Aniskovich, B. Flaherty, A. Vertefeuille

Executive Committee SAC: G. Bermúdez, CSUS; G. Ragosta, CCIC

Members of the Public: T. Bucci, The Graduate Institute; K. Clark, Gibbs; P. Cocchiola, BOTCTC;
M. Cox, BOTCTC; M. Diffily, Lincoln; J. Ferraiolo, CSUS; S. Jewell, BOTCTC;
M. Kosinski, Gateway; J. Longo, The Graduate Institute; G. McCaffrey, The
Graduate Institute; A. Stone, The Graduate Institute; A. Summa, The Graduate
Institute; P. Susen, BOTCTC

1. Call to Order

Chairman Ridley called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m. and called for a moment of silence in honor of Bruce Fraser, husband of Constance Fraser, long-time Department of Higher Education staff member and secretary to the Board of Governors.

2. Approval of the Board Minutes

J. Reynolds moved and J. LaVecchia seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2010 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Participation

None.

4. Report of the Board Chairman

F. Ridley noted that he had attended several college commencements, and asked other Board members to comment upon their participation at spring graduations. R. Robins, J. LaVecchia, M. Villani and D. Brennan described their respective experiences.

In addition to other meetings and events, F. Ridley presented the 2010 Connecticut Medal of Technology to Dr. Jonathan Rothberg of Yale University at the Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering.

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5. Report of the Commissioner

Commissioner Meotti introduced DHE Senior Associate Carlota Schechter who demonstrated a new website (www.ctearlychildhoodcareerdev.info) for persons seeking advanced training in early childhood. The website explains required credentials and the location of training programs.

6. Commissioner's Consent Calendar

- a. Gibbs College – licensure of programs in Cardiovascular Sonography and Diagnostic Medical Sonography, each leading to the Associate of Science degree
- b. Lincoln College of New England – licensure of a program in Health Information Administration offered on ground and online, leading to a Bachelor of Science degree
- c. Albertus Magnus College – licensure of a program in Human Services, leading to a Master of Science degree
- d. Gibbs College (Sanford Brown College) – accreditation of a program in Medical Assisting, leading to the Associate of Science degree
- e. Middlesex Community College – modification of a program Broadcast Communications, with a name change to Broadcast-Cinema, leading to the Associate of Science degree
- f. Lincoln College of New England – modification of the Associate of Applied Science and the Bachelor of Science degree programs in Criminal Justice
- g. University of Hartford – modification of a program in University Studies, leading to a Bachelor of Arts degree
- h. Quinnipiac University – modification of a program in Computer Information Systems, leading to a Master of Science degree
- i. Gibbs College (Sanford Brown College) – reaccreditation of the institution
- j. St. Thomas Seminary – progress report
- k. Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University – semiannual progress report

On a motion made by J. Reynolds, seconded by D. Brennan, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Commissioner's Consent Calendar.

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7. Academic Affairs

Action Items

- a. University of New Haven - Licensure of a program in Sustainability Studies, leading to a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree

C. Schechter reviewed the staff report and introduced Barry Farbrother, Dean of the Tagliatela College of Engineering; and Professor Agamemnon Koutsospyros, who represented the program.

After discussion, J. Reynolds moved that the Board of Governors for Higher Education license a program in Sustainability Studies, leading to a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree, to be offered by the University of New Haven for a period of three years until June 30, 2013. This action is contingent upon a satisfactory recommendation to be issued June 17, 2010 by the Advisory Committee on Accreditation. J. LaVecchia seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

- b. University of New Haven - Licensure and accreditation of a program in Professional Studies, leading to a Bachelor of Science degree (B.S.)

C. Schechter reviewed the staff report and introduced Ira Kleinfeld, Associate Provost, who represented the program.

After discussion, J. Reynolds moved that the Board of Governors for Higher Education license and accredit a program in Professional Studies, leading to a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree, to be offered by the University of New Haven, for a period of time concurrent with institutional accreditation. This action is contingent upon a satisfactory recommendation to be issued June 17, 2010 by the Advisory Committee on Accreditation. J. LaVecchia seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

- c. University of Connecticut - Licensure and accreditation of a program in Professional Studies, leading to a Bachelor of Professional Studies (B.P.S.) degree

C. Schechter reviewed the staff report and introduced Nancy Bull, Vice Provost for Academic Administration; Sue Nesbitt, Director of the Center for Continuing Studies; and Peter Diplock, Associate Extension Professor, who represented the program.

The Board asked the University to clarify the distinction between a Bachelor of Professional Studies and a Bachelor of Science. Commissioner Meotti noted that there is no standard which determines degree type. After discussion, J. Reynolds moved that the Board of Governors for Higher Education license and accredit a program in Professional Studies, leading to a Bachelor of Professional Studies (B.P.S.) degree, to be offered both on ground and online by the University of Connecticut for a period of time concurrent with institutional accreditation. M. Villani seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

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d. The Graduate Institute – Reaccreditation of the Institution

C. Schechter reviewed the staff report. The Institute was represented by A. Harris Stone, Chancellor; James Longo, Provost; Gina McCaffrey, Chief Operating Officer; Andrew Summa, Vice President for Institutional Advancement; and Thomas Bucci, Attorney.

Schechter summarized the findings of the evaluation team, the Institute's response and steps taken to address issues identified by the team. Commissioner Meotti commented on the Institute's resources, strategic planning and board leadership.

A. Stone provided an overview of the Institute. A. Summa spoke against the staff recommendation for a six-month extension of accreditation. A. Stone requested consideration of a five-year reaccreditation, citing concern over the impact of a six-month extension of accreditation on enrollment. Commissioner Meotti outlined reasons for the limited timeframe, including the Institute's financial situation and prior assurances by the Institute which remain unmet.

After discussion, R. Robins moved that the Board of Governors for Higher Education extend the institutional accreditation of The Graduate Institute (TGI) until December 31, 2010 with the following stipulations:

- TGI will provide quarterly financial and enrollment progress reports to DHE staff for the first three quarters of calendar year 2010.
- TGI will develop a strategic business plan that addresses how the institution will achieve financial sustainability.
- TGI will retain a consultant to advise the institution on improvements in its internal financial controls and Board governance (including, but not limited to, the creation of a Finance Committee) and implement such recommendations.
- TGI will conduct a search process for auditors to be selected by the Board of Directors.

R. Robins further recommended that these stipulations be satisfied prior to the Board of Governors meeting in December 2010. J. LaVecchia seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

e. Gateway Community College - Licensure and accreditation of a certificate program in Alternate Energy Transportation Technology

DHE Associate Director Christine Thatcher reviewed the staff report and introduced Mark Kosinski, Dean of Academic Affairs, who represented the program.

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After discussion, J. Reynolds moved that the Board of Governors license and accredit a certificate program in Alternate Energy Transportation Technology, to be offered by Gateway Community College, for a period of time concurrent with institutional accreditation. J. LaVecchia seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

SOAR Grant Presentation by Connecticut Community College System Office

C. Thatcher introduced Paul Susen, Chief Academic Officer; Phil Cocchiola, Associate Academic and Student Affairs Officer; and Shelly Jewell, Director of Grant Initiatives and Special Projects; who represented the Community College System.

S. Jewell presented information regarding the Sustainable Operations and Alternative Renewable (SOAR) Initiative grant awarded in February 2009 to the Community Colleges. The \$2 million grant supports certificate programs which offer career training in green technology fields including green landscaping, solar equipment systems, alternative fuel, water treatment, energy efficient building maintenance, and home energy audits. The programs are being designed and offered at Gateway, Manchester, Norwalk, Naugatuck Valley, and Three Rivers Community Colleges. Jewell noted the programs connect higher education with workforce needs, and support Governor Rell's initiative for a cleaner and greener Connecticut.

8. Other Business

None.

9. Report of the Standing Advisory Committee (SAC)

G. Bermúdez reported that the SAC will meet next on Tuesday, September 14, 2010.

10. Executive Session

On a motion made by M. Villani, seconded by J. Reynolds, the Board unanimously voted to enter into Executive Session at 3:15 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

The Board returned to public session at 3:28 p.m.

On a motion made by J. Reynolds, seconded by M. Villani, the Board unanimously voted to approve a merit award to the Director of the School Approval Unit as listed in Exhibit A. Exhibit is on file.

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10. Adjournment

J. LaVecchia moved and J. Reynolds seconded the motion to adjourn at 3:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Constance Fraser
Secretary