

# Board of Governors for Higher Education

## Advisory Committee on Accreditation

### Minutes of the Meeting

Thursday, January 21, 2010

The Advisory Committee on Accreditation met in the Board's Conference Room, Department of Higher Education, third floor, 61 Woodland Street, Hartford, at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 21, 2010.

Members or alternates present: Miller Brown, Susan Capasso, Ann Clark, David Dauwalder, John Donohue, Joseph Paige, William Pizzuto, Judith Resnick, and David Wetstone.

Board Members present: Albert Vertefeuille

Staff present: Michael Meotti, Carlota Schechter, Christine Thatcher

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Miller Brown called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

#### 2. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES – Minutes of December 10, 2009

Miller Brown called for approval of the minutes of December 10, 2009. John Donohue moved approval and William Pizzuto seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

#### 3. DISCUSSION

#### 4. LICENSURE APPLICATIONS

##### **a. Fairfield University – Licensure of a program in Nursing Practice, leading to the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree**

Christine Thatcher, Associate Director of Academic Affairs, presented the application and introduced Mary Frances Malone, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs; Jeanne Novotny, Dean of the School of Nursing; and Jean Lang, Professor of Nursing; who represented the University.

After discussion, the program was found to be in compliance with Board of Governors' approval standards. David Dauwalder moved approval and Judith Resnick seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

##### **b. Sacred Heart University – Licensure of a program in Applied Psychology, leading to a Master of Science (M.S.) degree and two graduate certificates, one in Industrial Organizational Psychology and one in Community Psychology, each offered on ground and online**

Carlota Schechter, Senior Associate for Academic Affairs presented the application. The University was represented by Claire Paolini, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and Kathryn LaFontana, Chair of the Department of Psychology.

After discussion, the program was found to be in compliance with Board of Governors' approval standards. Ann Clark moved approval and John Donohue seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

**c. Williams College – Relicensure of a program in American Maritime Studies offered at Mystic Seaport in Mystic, Connecticut**

Carlota Schechter presented the application and introduced James Carlton, Director of the Williams-Mystic Maritime Studies program, who represented the College.

After discussion, the program was found to be in compliance with Board of Governors' approval standards. David Wetstone moved approval and Judith Resnick seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

5. ACCREDITATION APPLICATIONS

**a. Talmudic Institute of Connecticut – Accreditation of an Institution of Higher Education to offer a program in Talmudic Studies**

Christine Thatcher presented the application and introduced Rabbi Simcha Bunim Berger, Dean and President of the Board of Directors, and Jonathan Klein, Secretary of the Board of Directors, who represented the Institute.

After discussion, the program was found to be in compliance with Board of Governors' approval standards. Joseph Paige moved approval and William Pizzuto seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

6. SIMULTANEOUS LICENSURE AND ACCREDITATION

None

7. PROGRESS REPORTS

None

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

**Monthly Update** – Christine Thatcher summarized the Monthly Update.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

**Faculty Standard** – Commissioner Meotti and the Committee discussed the Board of Governors for Higher Education standard on faculty. The Committee compared the faculty standard with similar standards from the six regional accrediting commissions, two national accreditation organizations, a variety of states, and other professional program accreditation organizations.

10. BOARD OF GOVERNORS RESOLUTIONS – Meeting of December 16, 2009

11. NEXT ACA MEETING – February 18, 2010

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.