

Board of Governors for Higher Education

Advisory Committee on Accreditation

Minutes of the Meeting

Thursday, February 18, 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, February 18, 2010.

Members or alternates present: Shirley Adams, Miller Brown, Ann Clark, John Donohue, Braden Hosch, Martha McLeod, Leon Newman, William Pizzuto, Judith Resnick, Martha Shouldis, and Abbey Zink.

Board Members present: None

Staff present: Michael Meotti, Patricia Santoro, Christine Thatcher

1. CALL TO ORDER

Miller Brown called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

2. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES – Minutes of January 21, 2010

Miller Brown called for approval of the minutes of January 21, 2010. John Donohue moved approval and William Pizzuto seconded; the motion passed with Leon Newman abstaining.

3. DISCUSSION

4. LICENSURE APPLICATIONS

a. Gibbs College – Licensure of a program in Cardiovascular Sonography, leading to an Associate of Science (A.S.) degree

Christine Thatcher, Associate Director of Academic Affairs, presented the application and introduced President Kurtis Peterson, Kevin Clark, Director of Education, and Donald Cotham, Director of Regulatory Affairs; who represented the College.

The Committee raised concerns regarding the curriculum, clinical site development, and faculty hiring. After discussion, Ann Clark moved to defer consideration of the program until further clarification by the College on areas of concern. Martha McLeod seconded and the motion passed with Judith Resnick opposed.

b. Gibbs College – Licensure of a program in Diagnostic Medical Sonography, leading to an Associate of Science (A.S.) degree

Christine Thatcher presented the application. The College was represented by President Kurtis Peterson, Kevin Clark, Director of Education, and Donald Cotham, Director of Regulatory Affairs.

The Committee raised concerns regarding the curriculum, clinical site development, and faculty hiring. After discussion, Ann Clark moved to defer consideration of the program until further clarification by the College on areas of concern. John Donohue seconded and the motion passed with Judith Resnick opposed.

c. Gibbs College – Licensure of a certificate program in Medical Coding and Billing

Patricia Santoro, Director of Academic Affairs, presented the application. The College was represented by President Kurtis Peterson, Kevin Clark, Director of Education, and Donald Cotham, Director of Regulatory Affairs.

The Committee inquired about the curriculum and faculty hiring. After discussion, the program was found to be in compliance with Board of Governors' approval standards. William Pizzuto moved approval and Braden Hosch seconded; the motion passed with Ann Clark opposed and John Donohue abstaining.

d. National Graduate School of Quality Management, Falmouth, Massachusetts - Relicensure of a Master of Science degree program in Quality Systems Management, to be offered in Farmington, Connecticut

Christine Thatcher presented the application and introduced Jeff Treiber, Dean of Strategic Learning Partnerships, who represented the Institution.

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

e. Post University – Licensure of a program in Public Administration, leading to the Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree, to be offered online and on campus

Christine Thatcher presented the application and introduced William McDonald, Vice President of Academic Affairs, and James Nardozzi, Program Director, who represented the University.

After a discussion regarding curriculum and online learning, the program was found to be in compliance with Board of Governors' approval standards. William Pizzuto moved approval and Leon Newman seconded; the motion passed with John Donohue abstaining.

f. Quinnipiac University – Licensure of a program in Teacher Leadership, leading to a Master of Science (M.S.) degree, to be offered online

Patricia Santoro presented the application and introduced Cynthia Gallatin, Associate Vice President for Online Programs, Cynthia Dubea, Dean of the School of Education, and Gary Alger, Director of the Educational Leadership Program, who represented the University.

The Committee inquired about the University's online learning environment. After discussion, the program was found to be in compliance with Board of Governors' approval standards. Shirley Adams moved approval and John Donohue seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

5. ACCREDITATION APPLICATIONS

a. Capital Community College – Accreditation of a program in Insurance and Financial Services, leading to an Associate of Science (A.S.) degree

Patricia Santoro presented the application and introduced Mary Ann Affleck, Executive Dean, Joan Marchessault, Chair of Business and Technology, and Mary Jean Thornton, Associate Professor, who represented the College

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

b. Central Connecticut State University – Accreditation of a program in Journalism, leading to a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree

Patricia Santoro presented the application and introduced Provost Carl Lovitt, Susan Pease, Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, and Vivian Martin, Program Coordinator, who represented the University.

After discussion, the program was found to be in compliance with Board of Governors' approval standards. Shirley Adams moved approval and Abbey Zink seconded; the motion passed with Braden Hosch abstaining.

c. Goodwin College – Accreditation of a program in General Studies, leading to an Associate of Science (A.S.) degree

Patricia Santoro presented the application and introduced Janet Jefford, Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness, and Gerry Simpson, Chair of General Studies, who represented the College.

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

d. Quinnipiac University – Accreditation of a program in Theater, leading to the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree

Patricia Santoro presented the application. The University was represented by Edward Kavanagh, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs.

After discussion, the program was found to be in compliance with Board of Governors' approval standards. Abbey Zink moved approval and Martha McLeod seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

6. SIMULTANEOUS LICENSURE AND ACCREDITATION

a. Sacred Heart University – Licensure and Accreditation of a Nursing Education Track, within the accredited Master of Science in Nursing degree program, to be offered online

Christine Thatcher presented the application and introduced Susan DeNisco, Director of Graduate Nursing Programs, who represented the University.

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

7. PROGRESS REPORTS

None

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

Monthly Update – Christine Thatcher summarized the Monthly Update.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

10. BOARD OF GOVERNORS RESOLUTIONS – Meeting of January 20, 2010

11. NEXT ACA MEETING – March 18, 2010

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.