

Board of Governors for Higher Education

Advisory Committee on Accreditation Minutes of the Meeting Thursday, March 17, 2011

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, March 17, 2011.

Members or alternates present: Shirley Adams, Susan Capasso, David Dauwalder, Barbara McCarthy, Leon Newman, Sean O'Connell, Joseph Paige, William Pizzuto, Judith Resnick, and Abbey Zink.

Staff present: Braden Hosch, Patricia Santoro, Christine Thatcher

1. CALL TO ORDER

William Pizzuto called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES – Minutes of February 17, 2011

William Pizzuto called for approval of the minutes of February 17, 2011. Judith Resnick moved approval and Shirley Adams seconded; the motion passed with Leon Newman and Abbey Zink abstaining.

3. DISCUSSION

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

Licensure Applications

Quinnipiac University - Licensure of a program in Game Design and Development, leading to a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree

Accreditation Applications

Tunxis Community College - Accreditation of a Pathway to Teaching Careers program, leading to an Associate of Arts (A.A.) degree

Simultaneous Licensure and Accreditation Applications - None

On a motion made by David Dauwalder, seconded by Abbey Zink, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the Consent Calendar.

5. ACTION AGENDA

Licensure Applications

a. Sacred Heart University - Licensure of a program in Healthcare Information Systems, leading to the Master of Science (M.S.) degree, to be offered on ground and online

At the request of the institution, the Committee agreed to table review of this program until its next meeting on April 21, 2011.

Accreditation Applications

a. Central Connecticut State University - Accreditation of a program in Nursing Practice, leading to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) degree

Christine Thatcher gave an overview of the application and introduced Carl Lovitt, Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs; Mitchell Sakofs, Dean, School of Education; and Linda Wagner, Chair of Nursing, who represented the University.

Judith Resnick inquired about the selective admissions process and asked about options for students who aren't admitted into the program. Linda Wagner explained that some of the students transfer out and others may change their major.

Braden Hosch asked if the University has had a sufficient pool of applicants for faculty hiring. Linda Wagner indicated that the pool has been sufficient but not abundant.

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 Joseph Paige abstaining.

b. Goodwin College - Accreditation and program modification of a program in Health Sciences, leading to the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree, to be offered on ground and online

Christine Thatcher gave an overview of the application and introduced Danielle Wilken, Chair of Health and Natural Sciences, and Paula Dowd, Program Coordinator, who represented the College.

Braden Hosch asked the College about its distance learning process. Paula Dowd spoke about the training of faculty and student orientations. She also explained that the courses, assignments, materials, and learning outcomes in both the on ground and online programs are the same.

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.

c. Goodwin College - Accreditation of a completion program (RN to BSN) in Nursing, leading to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) degree

Christine Thatcher reviewed the application. The College was represented by Janet Costello, Chair of Nursing, and Rosemary Hathaway, Program Coordinator.

Braden Hosch inquired as to whether the College has had a sufficient pool of applicants for faculty hiring. Rosemary Hathaway indicated that there has been a sufficient pool.

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

Simultaneous Licensure and Accreditation Applications - None

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

7. OTHER BUSINESS

8. BOARD OF GOVERNORS RESOLUTIONS – *None*

9. NEXT ACA MEETING – April 21, 2011

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.