

Board of Governors for Higher Education

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

Members or alternates present: Shirley Adams, Ann Clark, David Dauwalder, John Donohue, Robert Madden, Martha McLeod, Joseph Paige, William Pizzuto, Judith Resnick, Martha Shouldis, and David Wetstone.

Board Members present: Frank Ridley

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 December 16, 2010

William Pizzuto called for approval of the minutes of December 16, 2010. Martha Shouldis moved approval and John Donohue seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

3. DISCUSSION

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

Accreditation Applications

- a. Norwalk Community College** - Accreditation of a program in Physical Therapist Assistant, leading to the Associate of Science (A.S.) degree

Shirley Adams moved approval and John Donohue seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Simultaneous Licensure and Accreditation Applications

- a. Fairfield University** - Licensure and Accreditation of an Advanced Graduate Certificate in Integrating Spirituality & Religion into Counseling
- b. Fairfield University** - Licensure and Accreditation of an Advanced Graduate Certificate in School-based Marriage & Family Therapy
- c. Fairfield University** - Licensure and Accreditation of an Advanced Graduate Certificate in Substance Abuse Counseling

Judith Resnick moved approval and Robert Madden seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

5. ACTION AGENDA

Licensure Applications

a. Quinnipiac University - Licensure of a program in Nursing Practice, leading to the Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.) degree

Christine Thatcher, Associate Director of Academic Affairs, presented the application and introduced Edward O'Connor, Dean of the School of Health Sciences; Jeanne LeVasseur, Director of Graduate Nursing; and Lynn Price, Chair of Nursing; who represented the University.

Lynn Price indicated that the program was designed with a clinical focus and there is great interest for this program. After discussion, the program was found to be in compliance with Board of Governors' approval standards. John Donohue moved approval and Ann Clark seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Accreditation Applications

a. University of Connecticut - Accreditation of a program in Nursing Practice, leading to the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree (DNP)

Christine Thatcher gave an overview of the application and updates since licensure. Dr. Thatcher introduced Nancy Bull, Vice Provost for Academic Administration, and Anne Bavier, Dean of the School of Nursing; who represented the University..

Frank Ridley inquired about the program's enrollment and projections. Anne Bavier noted that the full and part-time enrollment will cap at 30 students. After discussion, the program was found to be in compliance with Board of Governors' approval standards. Shirley Adams moved approval and Judith Resnick seconded; the motion passed with William Pizzuto abstaining.

Simultaneous Licensure and Accreditation Applications

a. University of Connecticut - Licensure and Accreditation of a program in Business Analytics and Project Management, leading to a Master of Science (M.S.) degree

Christine Thatcher presented the application. The University was represented by Nancy Bull, Vice Provost for Academic Administration, and Ram Gopal, Department Head of Operations and Information Management in the School of Business.

Shirley Adams asked about the capstone project for the program. Ram Gopal indicated that students complete two capstone projects for this program, one in Business Analytics and another in Project Management. After discussion, the program was found to be in compliance with Board of Governors' approval standards. John Donohue moved approval and Martha Shouldis seconded; the motion passed with William Pizzuto abstaining.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

7. OTHER BUSINESS

8. BOARD OF GOVERNORS RESOLUTIONS – Meetings of December 2010 & January 2011

9. NEXT ACA MEETING – March 17, 2011

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.