

Board of Governors for Higher Education  
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## *Robert Robins Joins State Higher Education Board*

New Haven, March 21 — Robert S. Robins, a former political science professor and deputy provost of Tulane University in New Orleans, was sworn-in today as a member of the Connecticut Board of Governors for Higher Education, the state's coordinating agency for Connecticut colleges and universities.

Harry H. Penner, Jr., chairman of the Board, administered the oath of office to Robins during a monthly meeting of the Board of Governors for Higher Education held at Southern Connecticut State University.

Robins, of **Stamford**, was nominated to the Board last month by Governor M. Jodi Rell. His nomination was confirmed recently by the General Assembly as required by state statute. He replaces Patricia McCann Vissèpo of New Haven.

Robins retired from Tulane in 2003 but remains active professionally as a consultant and scholar. He also serves on the Stamford Urban Development Commission and the Board of the Stamford Senior Center. Robins joined the political science department at Tulane in 1965 and chaired the department from 1979 to 1990. He served as deputy provost from 1991 to 1997, helping oversee the University's \$100 million budget and various schools and centers.

Robins has served as a consultant to and joint author of a report to the Carnegie Commission on Higher Education, was a Canadian Government Grantee at Dalhousie University, a Faculty Fellow of the Government of Quebec, a Japan Foundation Grantee, a Visiting Professor at Simon Fraser University, a member of President Clinton's Working Group on Presidential Disability, and was an Academic Associate of the Atlantic Council of the United States

He holds a doctorate in political science from Duke University and began his academic work as a Fulbright Scholar in India. For two years before coming to Tulane he worked as an intelligence analyst reporting to the White House.

Robins has received numerous honors, including a Senior Associate Membership to St. Antony's College of Oxford University, and has published widely in the areas of Third World politics and political psychology.

In addition to Robins and Penner, other members of the Board of Governors are: Frank W. Ridley of Meriden, Vice-Chair; William Aniskovich of Branford; William A. Bevacqua of Trumbull, Dorothea E. Brennan of Fairfield; Brian J. Flaherty of Watertown; James H. Gatling of Southington; Ross H. Hollander of Bloomfield; Jean E. Reynolds of Danbury; and Albert B. Vertefeuille of Lebanon.

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