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Robins Named to Lead State Council on International Education

Hartford, April 1 — Robert S. Robins, a scholar from **Stamford** and member of the Connecticut Board of Governors for Higher Education, has been named to chair a statewide advisory council to develop policies on international education for Connecticut's public and independent colleges and universities.

Robins was appointed to lead the **International Education Policy Advisory Council** by Frank W. Ridley, chairman of the Board of Governors. Council members include college faculty and administrators, and representatives of international education policy groups and business. Other members from Stamford are Raj Mahale, Partner, Murtha, Cullina LLP; Henry J. Park, Soros Fund Management; and Ashok Vasudevan, CEO, Preferred Brands International.

The group is charged with developing a framework for international education to guide Connecticut colleges and universities in strengthening their educational programs as they prepare students for life in a global society. The group will report on its work in June to the Board of Governors.

Robins has served on the state Board of Governors since March of 2007. Previously he was a professor of political science and Deputy Provost at Tulane University. His doctoral work in political science was at Duke University and in the years that followed he was a Fulbright Scholar in India and an intelligence analyst connected to the White House. Robins served the Kennedy and Johnson administrations as a member of the team that wrote what is today called the President's Daily Brief.

"Bob Robins is an ideal person to lead this important work," stated Ridley. "From his distinguished academic and government career, he has a keen understanding of our global society, and of the need to provide students with opportunities to learn about other world regions and languages. Today's world simply demands that type of knowledge."

The Board of Governors for Higher Education is the state's coordinating and policy-making agency for postsecondary education. In addition its regulatory responsibilities, the Board works to increase lifelong access to and success in higher education for Connecticut residents.

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