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Michael Werle, Former UTC Executive, Joins State Higher Education Board

Willimantic, May 20 — Michael J. Werle, an international business consultant and former executive with the United Technologies Corporation, was sworn-in today as a member of the Connecticut Board of Governors for Higher Education, the state's policy-making agency for Connecticut colleges and universities.

Frank W. Ridley, chair of the Board, administered the oath of office to Werle during a monthly meeting of the Board of Governors for Higher Education held at Eastern Connecticut State University.

Werle, of **West Hartford**, 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 Harry H. Penner, Jr. of Guilford.

Werle currently is president of TEaMS LLC Consulting Company which he created in 1995 to provide technology, education and management systems consulting services to industry and government. He also is a co-founder and chief scientist for the FloDesign Wind Turbine Corporation which builds high efficiency wind turbine engines based on jet technology. He is a member of the Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering where he served as president from 2004-06, a member of Connecticut Innovations Inc.'s Technical Advisory Board and is a past business development consultant with the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development.

Werle's career at UTC spanned nearly two decades from 1977 to 1995 when he retired as the Director for International and External Programs in the Office of Science and Technology. He previously served as head of the Gas Dynamics and Thermophysics Laboratory in UTC's Research Center. Prior to that, he was a professor of engineering for 10 years at the University of Cincinnati and Virginia Polytechnic Institute. He started his career as a researcher in the U.S. Naval Department Laboratories in Maryland, having earned his doctorate and other degrees from Virginia Polytechnic Institute. He has 15 patents, has authored more than 40 papers in referred journals and is a Fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics.

In addition to Werle and Ridley, other members of the 11-member Board of Governors are: Brian J. Flaherty of Watertown, Vice-Chair; William Aniskovich of Branford; Dorothea E. Brennan of Fairfield; James H. Gatling of Southington; Jean M. LaVecchia of Killingworth; Jean E. Reynolds of Danbury; Robert Robins of Stamford; Albert B. Vertefeuille of Lebanon; and Margaret J. Villani of Monroe.

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