



# CT BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

## ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Meeting January 8, 2016

9:30 a.m.– 61 Woodland Street, Hartford

### MINUTES

- Regents Present: Naomi Cohen, Merle Harris (by conf.), Stephen Adair, Lawrence DeNardis, Sarah Green (by conf.)
- Regents Absent: Catherine Smith
- Staff Present: Estela Lopez, Lesley Mara, Maureen McClay, Linda Perfetto, Arthur Poole, Kaitlyn Rewenko, Karen Stone, Brenda Zanta
- Other Attendees: Cynthia Adams (CCC Nursing), Shirley Adams (COSC), Allan Anderson (TRCC), Ann Atkinson (WCSU), JC Barron (WCSU), Greg DeSantis (HCC), Ellen Durnin (SCSU), Martin Forde (TRCC), Kathleen Fries (NCC Nursing), Eileen George (NVCC Nursing), Connie Hotchkiss (NCCC Nursing), Mary Ellen Jukoski (TRCC), Edith Ouellet (TRCC Nursing), Dimitrios Pachis (ECSU), Janet Phillips (SCSU), Darryl Reome (TxCC), Sheila Solernou (GWCC Nursing), Katy Wiss (WCSU)

The meeting was called to order by Regent Cohen at 9:40 a.m.

1. Approval of Minutes – November 20, 2015. **L. DeNardis moved to approve, seconded by M. Harris and unanimously approved.**
2. Consent Item – Western CSU January Tenure. **A motion to approve the consent item was made by L. DeNardis, seconded by M. Harris and unanimously approved.**
3. Action Items
  - a. Licensure & Accreditation – Accounting Certificate – Southern CSU. Provost Lopez introduced the program noting the high demand and need. She introduced new Interim Provost Ellen Durnin from Southern and Janet Phillips, Department Chair. Dr. Durnin and Dr. Phillips provided further information on the certificate, an undergraduate but post-baccalaureate certificate, including information on demand and need. **On a motion by L. DeNardis, seconded by M. Harris, the program was approved.**
  - b. New Programs – Licensure
    - i. Construction Technology – AAS – Three Rivers CC. Provost Lopez introduced the program noting the results of the program review and the strengthening of the programs involved. She added she had worked closely

with the college to address the concerns that have been raised and how this program addresses those concerns and presents solid proposals. President Jukoski added background information on process, the extensive work to create the program and the consultations with the business community. Department Chair Alan Anderson added comments noting they also focused on the technical high schools, how the restructuring will benefit students and the normalization of the degree. There were comments from an alumni/business person noting the improvement of the restructuring and the positive observations from other colleagues. In response to a question from Regent DeNardis, President Jukoski and Prof. Anderson provided more information on the background, process, and review. There was further discussion on the college's outreach to concerned students. Additional discussion addressed the associate degree and actual job opportunities. **A motion to approve was made by L. DeNardis, seconded by M. Harris and unanimously approved.**

- ii. Digital and Interactive Media Arts – BA – Western CSU. Provost Lopez introduced the program noting it was interdisciplinary and basically added no new courses. She introduced Dr. Ann Atkinson and colleagues from Western. Dr. Atkinson added a few general comments on the program and Department Chair Katy Wiss provided details, noting two of the core issues for developing the program were student demand and the needs of the Fairfield County Business Council. Prof. JC Barron offered further details of the program. There were questions on transfers from the community colleges and it was stated that several areas were available for transfer and articulation would be pursued. A few other questions were addressed. **A motion to approve was made by L. DeNardis, seconded by S. Green. The program was unanimously approved.**

#### 4. Information Items

- a. CCC's Nursing – State Approval. Provost Lopez thanked all the directors of the nursing programs at the CCs, congratulating them on the State Board of Examiners approval. She introduced Linda Perfetto, the System Director who provided hand-outs. Each of the directors introduced themselves. There were some questions and discussion on the programs followed.
- b. Normalization Process. Provost Lopez offered comments on the progress of the process and introduced Arthur Poole who was coordinating it. He noted the data that had been distributed, the status of the institutions and the policy's expectations. There were some questions with Regent Harris commending those institutions that are furthest along. There was discussion regarding implementing changes to the policy to address possible problems. The Regents' consensus was that the policy should remain as is, with all in agreement it was too early for changes and would be contradicting the intent of the policy.
- c. Enrollments – Newly Established Academic Programs. Provost Lopez mentioned this report was in response to the Committee's request for review of programs approved in the past year. Mr. Poole noted it has become a learning experience for

- the institutions when making enrollment forecasts. Regent Harris remarked they would need to spend more time examining the data, also mentioning the reporting experience should produce more realistic numbers in the future.
- d. Academic Quality. Provost Lopez noted this report was in response to Regent Harris' request to examine the process of review for academic quality. This list of criteria was developed to address that and provide insight on the process.
  - e. Policy on Satisfactory Academic Progress for Financial Aid. Provost Lopez provided introductory remarks on this draft policy that was being developed to align financial aid strategies and noting the process that was being followed to implement it. She introduced President Paul Broadie and Financial Aid Director Greg DeSantis from Housatonic who has been leading the committee. They provided full background and reasoning for the policy. Questions and discussion followed. Provost Lopez also noted the additional research being done to address concerns raised by a couple of presidents. All will be discussed again at the Council of Presidents and the final product will be brought back to the Committee at their next meeting.

5. Other Business

- a. Health & Life Sciences Grant Presentation. Leslie Mara, Senior Project Director of the grant introduced Alyssa Carboni, assistant on the grant, and provided a packet of materials. She noted she would like to highlight four areas and provided an overview and timeline of the grant. Regent Harris commended the presentation and asked to have a brief presentation done for the full Board.

There was no other business. **A motion to adjourn was made by M. Harris, seconded by N. Cohen and unanimously approved.** The meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m.