



CT BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Meeting January 30, 2015
9:30 a.m.– 61 Woodland Street, Hartford

MINUTES

- Regents Present: Merle Harris (by conf.), Stephen Adair, Eugene Bell (by conf.), Naomi Cohen, Lawrence DeNardis (by conf.)
- Regents Absent: Craig Lappen, Catherine Smith
- Staff Present: David Levinson, Estela Lopez, Elsa Nunez, Candace Barrington, William Gammell, Duncan Harris, Ken Klucznik, Maureen McClay, Steve McDowell, Nancy Melnicsak, Stacey Musulin, Erika Steiner, Kyle Thomas
- Other Attendees: Patricia Bouffard (NWCCC), Irene Clampett (TRCC), Jennifer DeFrance (TRCC), Carl Lovitt (CCSU), Irene Rios-Knauf (NVCC), Michael Rooke (TxCC)

Regent Naomi Cohen called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

1. Minutes of December 18, 2014 – **M. Harris moved to approve the minutes including the suggested amendment for paragraph 7.ii. on Dual Enrollment; it was seconded by L. DeNardis and unanimously approved.**

Consent Items – M. Harris moved removal of Item 2.a. from Consent, seconded by L. DeNardis and unanimously approved. A motion to approve remaining items was made by L. DeNardis, seconded by M. Harris and unanimously approved. Consent items approved:

2. Modifications of Program
 - a. Removed from Consent
 - b. Pathways to Teaching Careers – A.S. – Three Rivers CC
3. Terminations
 - c. Business and Management Administration: Accounting Option – Northwestern CT CC
 - d. Retail Management Certificate – Three Rivers CC

Item 2.a. Modification – Educational Leadership and Administration, General Ed.D. – Central CSU.

N. Cohen introduced Provost Carl Lovitt. Dr. Lovitt described the proposal noting the successful program already in Jamaica and the desire to enroll more international students. He explained the modification is to offer the same program CCSU already offers in Connecticut at the off-site location in Jamaica. He explained it would be an entrepreneurial type degree meaning it would be self-supporting and may be profitable. Discussion ensued with questions on the budget documents and completion numbers. Dr. Lovitt stated he would get more information. **A motion to table was made by L. DeNardis, seconded by M. Harris and unanimously approved.**

4. Action Item – Resolution regarding Undocumented Students. Regent Harris introduced the item noting it was on a previous agenda and this new resolution addressed some of the questions then raised. It was discovered to be very difficult to project costs or determine details without pertinent data that was not available in CT. She noted, however, legislation should be pursued. She

introduced Erika Steiner and Kyle Thomas from the System Office staff who had researched the issue . Ms. Steiner described information that had been pursued from other states to help determine fiscal impact. Mr. Thomas offered information on legislation. Provost Lopez added remarks regarding the investment in, future citizens of Connecticut. Mr. Thomas stated how the proposed resolution allows the Board to balance the issue of addressing students' needs and the fiscal responsibility of the Board. There was further discussion with views noting support for the resolution's concept but continue concern regarding funding . Regent Adair commented that the Faculty Advisory Committee had sent their own document to all the governance committees at the institutions and most have already passed it unanimously. They will send the report of support to the legislature. There was further discussion on the financial impact. **M. Harris then moved to approve the resolution , seconded by L. DeNardis and unanimously approved.**

5. Information – TAP Update. Regent Cohen introduced the TAP Co-Managers Candace Barrington and Ken Klucznik. Regent Harris provided introductory remarks thanking all for their hard work in a short time. Dr. Klucznik described the proposed policy on associate degrees that will go to all stakeholders then come back for approval to the ASA and the Board. He added comments on the needs and complexities and described plans going forward to address articulations. He noted the large group of people working on this and praised the collaborative effort. Dr. Barrington added this was also in compliance with the earlier statute (10a-80).
6. Other Business. Regent DeNardis brought up future financial issues and the lack of productivity data and asked that the Committee receive more data in the future from Institutional Research. He asked for information as soon as possible on low enrollment and low completer programs in the past five years.

There was no other business. **A motion to adjourn was made by M. Harris, seconded by L. DeNardis and unanimously approved.**

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.