



CT BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Meeting – February 3, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

Conducted via Remote Participation

MINUTES

Regents Present: Chair Ira Bloom, Regent Holly Howery, Regent Juanita James, Regent James McCarthy, Regent Richard Porth, Chair JoAnn Ryan

Ex-Officio BOR

Members: Alexander Grant, Colena Sesanker

Regents Absent:

Staff Present: Kaylah Davis, Pam Heleen, Rai Kathuria, Kenneth Klucznik, Francine Rosselli-Navarra, and Noreen Wilson

Other Attendees: Missy Alexander (WCSU), Thomas Barron (COSC), Aaron Clark (SCSU), Justin Cowen (WCSU), Lisa Frank (CCSU), Margaret Generali (SCSU), Bruce Kalk (SCSU), Kim Kostelis (CCSU), Klay Kruczek (SCSU), Laurel Larson (WCSU), Beth Merenstein (CCSU), Robert Prezant (SCSU),

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m. by Chair Ira Bloom.

An official roll call of the BOR Academic and Student Affairs Committee members was taken and a quorum was declared.

Chair Ira Bloom asked for a motion to amend the agenda to move the 4.b modification to the first action item, as it relates to the consent items. On a motion by Regent Juanita James and seconded by Regent Holly Howery, a vote was taken, and the amendment was approved unanimously.

1. Approval of Minutes

a. December 7, 2022

Chair Ira Bloom asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2023, BOR ASA Committee meeting. On a motion by Regent Juanita James and second by Regent Richard Porth, a vote was taken, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

The Consent Items and the Modification Action item that follows reflect the documentation required to create and “package” a single B.S. degree in Mathematics at Southern CT State University. All students will take a common core and then select from one of four concentrations: Applied Mathematics, Pure Mathematics, Teacher Education 7-12, and a new concentration in Statistics.

2. Consent Items

a. Discontinuations

- i. Mathematics – B.A. – Southern CT State University – *Page 5*
- ii. Mathematics 7-12 – B.S. – Southern CT State University – *Page 10*

Chair Ira Bloom asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda. On a motion by Regent Juanita James and second by Regent James McCarthy, a vote was taken, and the consent agenda was approved unanimously.

3. Action Items

b. Modifications

- iii. Applied Mathematics – B.S. – Southern CT State University [Modification of courses and options and name change to BS Mathematics] – *Page 114*

Dr. Bruce Kalk, Dean of Arts and Sciences, Dr. Aaron Clark, Mathematics Department Chair, and Klay Kruczek, Mathematics Department Assistant Chair presented. SCSU seeks approval of modification to discontinue the Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics and the Bachelor of Science, 7-12 Mathematics, and restructure the Bachelor of Science in Applied Mathematics to become the primary program. The purpose of the department restructuring is to improve the student experience, program efficiency, and course flexibility and anticipates growth in the core group of students. The reorganization adds flexibility of courses and electives, making it so that students will have frequent access to available courses, and quickens the time to degree completion. Additionally, to aid workforce development efforts, data science, a prevalent area in the field, has been added as a program concentration area.

Chair Ira Bloom asked for a motion to approve this modification. On a motion by Regent Richard Porth and second by Regent James McCarthy, a vote was taken, and the modification was approved unanimously.

a. New Programs

- i. Business – B.S. – Central CT State University – *Page 15*

Dr. Kimberly Kostelis, Provost, and Dr. Lisa Frank, Dean of the School of Business presented. CCSU seeks approval for a new program in business. A general business program with course flexibility is in high demand for the large cohort of current students that have not yet chosen a concentration, as well as non-traditional students. This program will provide increased retention and accessibility.

Regent Holly Howery inquired on the program modality and the percentage of adult learners. It was confirmed that the program is less than 50% online, and that based on market analysis, the program is in demand.

Chair Ira Bloom inquired on if the program is AACSB accredited. It was confirmed the program is accredited by the AACSB and will be reviewed with the other programs in October 2023.

Chair Ira Bloom asked for a motion to approve this new program. On a motion by Regent Juanita James and second by Regent Richard Porth, a vote was taken, and the new program was approved unanimously.

ii. Theatre Arts – B.F.A – Western CT State University – *Page 42*

Dr. Missy Alexander, Provost, and Dr. Justin Cowen, Theatre Arts Department Chair presented. WCSU seeks approval for a new program leading to a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre Arts. WCSU is well-positioned to offer this program based on its current programs, facilities, and proximity to New York. This program will build on existing resources to meet the demand of students that are applying for a professional program. This allows more equitable access to a BFA program for performers, and theatre technicians. Regent Holly Howery expressed her excitement for the opportunity students will have to enter this program affordably and equitably.

Chair Ira Bloom asked, and Provost Alexander confirmed that this program will be self-sustaining.

Chair Ira Bloom asked for a motion to approve this new program. On a motion by Regent Juanita James and second by Regent James McCarthy, a vote was taken, and this new program was approved unanimously.

iii. Popular Music – B.A. – Western CT State University – *Page 87*

Dr. Missy Alexander, Provost, and Dr. Lauren Larsen, Music Department Chair presented. WCSU seeks approval for a new program of a BA in Music. This new program will not require auditions by design, as to provide an opportunity for students with an interest in non-traditional music, such as electronic music; and for students that have not had equitable access to music programs K-12.

Regent Juanita James added that this program is an excellent opportunity to fill in the gaps in music education for underserved k-12 students. Regent Holly Howery added that this is an exciting opportunity to provide a program for students in an affordable and equitable way.

Chair Bloom inquired about the background in music that the students may not have upon entering. It was confirmed that the program will offer foundation courses to assist with developing a formal music background.

Chair Ira Bloom asked for a motion to approve this new program. On a motion by Regent Juanita James and second by Regent James McCarthy, a vote was taken, and this new program was approved unanimously.

b. Modifications

i. Organizational Effectiveness and Leadership –M.S. – Charter Oak State College [Name change to Organizational Leadership] – *Page 108*

Dr. Thomas Barron, Director of Undergraduate and Graduate Business Programs presented. COSC seeks approval of program name change from Organizational Effectiveness and Leadership to Organizational Leadership. The content of the program will remain the same, and only the name will

change. Modifying the name will promote enrollment growth, as it will be more easily searchable by prospective students.

Regent Holly Howery commented that as a graduate of the program, a problem that students may face is the inability to find the degree name on job applications, in modifying the name, it will allow them accurately to represent their degree.

Chair Ira Bloom asked for a motion to approve this modification. On a motion by Regent James McCarthy and second by Regent Holly Howery, a vote was taken, and the modification was approved unanimously.

- ii. Addiction Counseling – Post-Master’s Certificate – Southern CT State University [Name change to Graduate Certificate in Addictions Counseling] – *Page 111*

Dr. Stephen Hegedus, Dean of College of Education and Dr. Margaret Generali, Counseling and School Psychology Department Chair presented. SCSU seeks approval of name change from Post-Master’s Certificate in Addiction Counseling to Graduate Certificate in Addiction Counseling. This modification will be in name only, and the content will remain the same. This name change clarifies that a master’s degree is not a requirement for the program. This will encourage current graduate students to dually enroll in the program, allowing for course flexibility, and availability of financial aid.

Chair Ira Bloom asked for a motion to approve this modification. On a motion by Regent Juanita James and second by Regent James McCarthy, a vote was taken, and the modification was approved unanimously.

Regent McCarthy added that the need for accommodating and developing programs for non-traditional students will increase, and that with new program implementations, this population should be considered.

- c. Appointment Recommendation

- i. Recommendation to Appoint Edwin Vargas to the Governor William A. O’Neill Endowed Chair in Public Policy and Practical Politics – Central CT State University – *Page 130*

Dr. Kimberly Kostelis, Provost, and Dr. Beth Merenstein, Associate Vice President for Community Engagement and Experiential Learning presented. CCSU seeks approval of appointing Mr. Edwin Vargas to fill the Governor William A. O’Neill Endowed Chair in Public Policy and Practical Politics. Mr. Vargas’s public service spans 45 years, including most recently 10 years in the political realm, and 35 years as an educator for the Hartford Public School System. Mr. Vargas will be a great resource to students and addition to the community.

Regent James McCarthy congratulated all on the recruitment of Mr. Vargas, as he is well-suited for this position. Regent Richard Porth echoed this by stating that this is an important position for which it is relied upon for resources and advice. Regent Richard Porth has witnessed Mr. Vargas in action, adding that his representation sets an example of diversity in leadership. Professor Sesanker added agreement for the same sentiments.

Chair Ira Bloom asked for a motion to approve the appointment recommendation. On a motion by Regent Holly Howery and second by Regent Richard Porth, a vote was taken, and the appointment recommendation was approved unanimously.

4. Informational Items

a. Below Threshold

- i. Psychology/Recreation Therapy – B.S. – Southern CT State University – *Page 144*
- ii. Sustainable Business and Organizational Management – Undergraduate Certificate – Southern CT State University – *Page 153*
- iii. Aging Studies – Minor – Southern CT State University – *Page 159*
- iv. Biology – B.A. – Southern CT State University – *Page 164*
- v. Biology – B.S. – Southern CT State University – *Page 168*
- vi. Biology – B.S. Pre-Med – Southern CT State University – *Page 173*
- vii. Biology – M.S. Accelerated – Southern CT State University – *Page 177*
- viii. Healthcare and Clinical Research – Minor – Southern CT State University – *Page 182*
- ix. Women’s Leadership – Certificate – Southern CT State University – *Page 186*
- x. Women’s Leadership – Minor – Southern CT State University – *Page 191*

b. Centers and Institutes Policy Revision – *Page 195*

The policy revision was a request from the board to revise. Regent Holly Howery added that having a unified policy across all institutions will be helpful. Chair Ira Bloom added that this item will return for the next meeting as an action item for vote.

c. New Program Forms – *Page 202*

The new program forms have been revised. Chair Ira Bloom stated that the revision provides clarity on the new programs being put forward. This revision includes the impact that a new program may have on existing similar programs and creates a formal process for input amongst the institutions. Regent Holly Howery extended thanks for including hybrid and modality percentages, as it provides insight to impact on adult learners. Regent James McCarthy added that this allows a better process for growing enrollment without detriment to another CSCU institution. Regent James expressed excitement about the new programs, and the approach to modifications. All Regents added that the new summary was helpful and extended a formal thanks to those that worked on this new addition.

Chair Jo-Ann Ryan extended her appreciation for the efforts, leadership, and support.

Chair Ira Bloom called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion by Regent Richard Porth, seconded by Regent James McCarthy, a vote was taken and the motion to adjourn was passed unanimously at 10:28 a.m.