



CT BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Meeting March 7, 2014
9:30 a.m. – 61 Woodland Street, Hartford

MINUTES

- Regents Present: Merle Harris, Eugene Bell, Naomi Cohen, Lawrence DeNardis, Craig Lappen (by conf)
- Regents Absent: Sarah Green, Catherine Smith
- Staff Present: Tom Clark, Maureen McClay, Nancy Melnicsak, Ernestine Weaver, Ted Yungclas
- Other Attendees: Pat Bouffard (NWCCC), Walt Cramer (WCSU), Rhona Free (ECSU), Sarah Gager (NVCC), Marianne Kennedy (SCSU), Carl Lovitt (CCSU), Faris Malhas (CCSU), Steven Minkler (MXCC), Michael Rooke (TXCC), Tracy Tyree (SCSU)

Chair Merle Harris called the meeting to order at 9:44 a.m.

1. Minutes of January 10, 2014 – **A motion to approve was made by L. DeNardis, seconded by N. Cohen and unanimously approved.**

CONSENT AGENDA. The Consent Agenda was **moved for recommended approval by N. Cohen, seconded by E. Bell and unanimously approved.**

Consent items included:

2. Termination of Existing Academic Programs
 - a. Electronics Technology Certificate [Tunxis CC]
 - b. B.S. German – Central CSU]
3. Modifications of Programs
 - a. Information Systems A.S. [Middlesex CC]
 - b. Help Desk Technician Certificate [Middlesex CC]
 - c. Networking Certificate [Middlesex CC]
 - d. Software Developer Certificate [Middlesex CC]

ACTION ITEMS

4. Licensure of New Programs
 - a. Accounting Graduate Certificate (Southern CSU). Dr. Yungclas introduced the program and Provost Marianne Kennedy. Dr. Kennedy described the use and need for the program. In response to a question regarding courses, it was noted all were already available. Dr. Kennedy explained, in response to another question, that the program was geared toward students who wanted a quick entry into the field and the ability to sit for the CPA exam. There was discussion on requirements for the exam and license. Dr. Kennedy described the market for the program and requests they had received. **A motion to recommend approval was made by L. DeNardis, seconded by N. Cohen and unanimously approved.**

5. Endowed Chair Appointment (Eastern CSU). Dr. Yungclas introduced Provost Rhona Free. Dr. Free gave a description of the Center of Sustainable Energy Studies and history of the Chair. She noted they had done a search to fill the opening and were fortunate to have Dr. Paul Torcellini, giving a brief bio. Regent Cohen offered complimentary remarks on the Center and its programs. There was a question on funding and Dr. Free stated it had originally been fully funded by the endowment but is now partially funded by the university. **A motion to approve was made by N. Cohen, seconded by L. DeNardis and unanimously approved.**
6. Honorary Degree nominees. Dr. Yungclas presented the proposed Honorary Degree recipients from the institutions. **Approval was moved by L. DeNardis, seconded by E. Bell and unanimously approved.**
7. Faculty Award nominees. Dr. Yungclas described the Faculty Award nominees, noting there were ties for the two system-wide Teaching Awards. Regent Adair thanked the committee and board for instituting the faculty awards. **A motion to approve was made by N. Cohen, seconded by L. DeNardis and unanimously approved.**
8. Creation of new STEM School (Central CSU). **A motion to approve was moved by L. DeNardis and seconded by N. Cohen.** Discussion -- Dr. Yungclas introduced Provost Carl Lovitt. Dr. Lovitt described the premise and the process for instituting the new STEM school, noting that coordination of STEM fields was becoming increasingly important. He stated it basically was an internal reorganization and the budget impact was negligible. Staffing is already poised for growth. Students and sciences will benefit. It is closely aligned with employers and employer needs. He introduced Dr. Faris Malhas who has been coordinating the project. They have an implementation team ready to begin upon approval. Regent DeNardis mentioned the naming funding opportunity. Regent Cohen asked about partnering with the community colleges. Dr. Lovitt stated that had already started when the initiative began a couple years ago with a pathway developed by the Community Colleges' College of Technology. They are continuing work on customizing pathways and expect to open more opportunities. Regent Adair noted there had been overwhelming support at the faculty senate with robust discussion. There was another question on how they would work with high schools. In terms of outreach, they were having summer camps and examining further opportunities, also mentioning greater coordination with the Department of Education. **The motion was unanimously approved.**
9. Student Code of Conduct Policy. Dr. Yungclas introduced Ernestine Weaver and Tom Clark from the System Office Legal Department. Ms. Weaver explained the process, noting they had separated out disciplinary procedures and sanctions. She also noted that as the legislature looks at this issue there may be changes needed in the future. Regent Harris noted they did have some comments and questions with Regent Cohen mentioning flowery language. Mr. Clark stated it actually was meant to be inspirational and a mentoring influence for faculty and students. The regents went through the document noting particular items, questions and wording. Attorneys Weave and Clark will make the necessary revisions. **It was moved by N. Cohen to approve with the amended revisions noted and the provision to examine it again in October. It was seconded by E. Bell and unanimously approved.**
10. Sexual Misconduct Policy. **Approval was moved by N. Cohen, seconded by E. Bell.** Discussion noted this also will need to be addressed again in the future. **It was unanimously approved.**

UPDATES

11. Common Calendar. Dr. Yungclas introduced Dean Michael Rooke, noting the other calendar committee chair, Provost Marianne Kennedy had to leave. Dean Rooke remarked that there were

seven main points summarized on the cover sheet. He observed the project had been a major undertaking but they had made amazing progress. The draft had been shared with the campuses and they had received a great deal of feedback. They expected it to be done with perhaps minor differences because of different union language. There were questions about whether contracts would be renegotiated in the same year, noting SEBAC determines all of them will be up at the same time. Regent DeNardis noted it was a monumental task and commended them and the committee. Other regents added their appreciation.

12. Multiple Measure Summit. There was a system-hosted Multiple Measures Summit scheduled for February 7. It was related to PA 12-40 efforts and college readiness. The keynote speaker was Kathy Hughes. A report was in process and would be presented in the future.
13. Governor's budget-legislation. It was noted there were several bills addressing President Gray's initiatives. Dr. Harris mentioned the legislators were very interested in PA 12-40 and noted a workshop coming up on March 21. She expected there may be changes and they would need to be aware of what we would support. It was mentioned that tremendous work was already being done at the campuses noting data would be coming but it would be based on only one semester.

INFORMATION ITEMS

14. FERPA Policy Draft. The FERPA policy had been included in the packet and was briefly mentioned.
15. Below-Threshold Program notification –
 - a. Computer Information – A.S. Major (Naugatuck Valley CC)
 - b. Event Management Minor (Southern CSU)
16. NEASC Affirmation of Accreditation – Northwestern CT CC. This was not discussed and will be added to Action Items for the next ASA meeting.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by N. Cohen, seconded by L. DeNardis and unanimously approved.
The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.