



# CT BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

## ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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

March 8, 2016 MINUTES, revised and approved 3/24/2016

- Regents Present: Merle Harris, Stephen Adair, Naomi Cohen, Lawrence DeNardis (by conf.)
- Regents Absent: Catherine Smith
- Staff Present: Estela Lopez, Candace Barrington, Jason Ebbeling, William Gammell Ken Klucznik, Maureen McClay, Steve McDowell, Arthur Poole, Karen Stone, Brenda Zanta
- Other Attendees: Shirley Adams (COSC), Allan Anderson (TRCC), Ann Branchini (TRCC), Mark Comeau (TRCC), Ilene Crawford (SCSU), Daisy Cocco De Filippis (NVCC), Lisa Dresdner (NVCC), Monique Durant (CCSU), Sandra Eddy (NVCC), Gary Fuerstenberg (CSCE/CALS), Jane Gates (WCSU), Eric Gribin (TxCC), Mitch Holmes (NVCC), Mary Ellen Jukoski (TRCC), Carl Lovitt (CCSU), Jennifer Messering (TRCC student), Dimitrios Pachis (ECSU), Ryan Pierson (CCC), Darryl Reome (TxCC), Irene Rios-Knauf (NVCC), Marie Shaw (TRCC), Bennett Stackpole (TRCC student)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Harris at 9:34 a.m.

1. Approval of Minutes – January 8, 2016. **N. Cohen moved to approve, seconded by L. DeNardis and unanimously approved.**
2. Consent Items – a motion to remove items v, vi., and vii from the Consent agenda was made by N. Cohen, seconded by L. DeNardis and unanimously approved. The remaining items were then **moved for approval by L. DeNardis, seconded by N. Cohen and unanimously approved.** The items approved were:
  - a. Terminations
    - i. Information Systems Technology – AS – Asnuntuck CC
    - ii. General Engineering Technology – AAS – Gateway CC
    - iii. Allied Health Administration – AS – Northwestern CT CC
    - iv. Health Career Pathways – Cert – Northwestern CT CC
    - viii. E-Commerce – AS and Cert – Three Rivers CC
    - ix. Business Information Systems – AS and Cert – Three Rivers CC

The other three items were then considered.

- a. v. Architectural Design Technology – AS – Three Rivers CC
- vi Civil Engineering Technology – AS – Three Rivers CC
- vii. Construction Management Technology – AS – Three Rivers CC

Provost Lopez introduced these terminations noting the campus program review, thoughtful consideration, careful teach-out period, and the thorough process that followed Board policy. She introduced the president and noted other colleagues from Three Rivers. President Jukoski provided further input on the process and introduced Academic Dean Ann Branchini, and colleagues Mark Comeau and Allan Anderson. They reviewed the process the college followed to establish the new program and terminate these programs, noting the low number of graduates and transfers in the last ten years. They also mentioned the research done in creating the program reorganization, reaching out to many constituents, looking at needs, examining courses, reviewing graduates, transfer rates, ABET accreditation requirements, extensive due diligence and cooperation with UConn and CCSU. Teach-out process details were also discussed.

Chair Harris noted those who had attended to speak in opposition and provided the opportunity for a spokesperson to speak. Gary Fuerstenberg spoke providing comments that the present civil engineering was more rigorous and noting that they had cited another model they thought was better. He offered further comments and views. President Jukoski then noted faculty had reviewed both models. Additionally, after their thorough review and discussions with outside firms they felt the model chosen was more competitive in the workforce. Some further discussion and comments followed. **A motion to approve was then made by N. Cohen, seconded by L. DeNardis and unanimously approved.**

### 3. Action Items

#### a. Modifications

- i. Library Technology – Certificate – Three Rivers CC. **A motion to approve was moved by N. Cohen, seconded by L. DeNardis.** Provost Lopez gave an overview and introduced Dean Branchini and Marie Shaw. Dean Branchini provided further remarks noting the full assessment done in the last year. Ms. Shaw gave further details, noting the need for online delivery. The program will be ALA reaccredited in June (it is in process now). **The vote was taken and unanimously approved.**
- ii. Communication – BS – Southern CSU. **A motion to approve was made by N. Cohen, seconded by L. DeNardis.** Provost Lopez introduced the program noting the thorough modification, alignment with TAP and the 120 credits. Dr. Crawford provided details also noting the program review process, assessment and TAP. Chair Harris commented on the thoughtful approach. **The vote was taken and unanimously approved.**
- iii. Bioinformatics Minor – Eastern CSU. **A motion to approve was made by L. DeNardis, seconded by N. Cohen.** Dr. Lopez introduced the program. Dr. Pachis provided details noting the pathway, science needs and ample number of students. **The vote was taken and unanimously approved.**

#### b. New Programs

- i. Energy Management – AAS – Tunxis CC. **A motion to approve made by L. DeNardis, seconded by N. Cohen.** Provost Lopez provided an introduction noting it was within normalization. Dean Reome gave an overview and introduced Eric Gribin who provided details. He noted this particular program was the first in CT, noting the rating from the American Council for Energy Efficient Economy and the growing market. He provided more details on jobs and careers, long-term goals, online access, best practices and marketing, also noting coordination with some of our other community colleges. He also noted because of the lab component the online model will be a hybrid. There was some discussion. **The vote was taken and unanimously approved.**
  - ii. Cybersecurity – AS – Naugatuck Valley CC. **A motion to approve made by N. Cohen, seconded by L. DeNardis.** Dr. Lopez introduced the program noting its creativity and innovation. President De Filippis provided details on the process, industry partners, articulation and cost efficiency. Dean Rios discussed further information on industry partners, program reviews, the collaborative effort with criminal justice and computer science, the demand and the partnership with CSUs. In response to a question information on faculty background was provided. **The vote was taken and unanimously approved.**
  - iii. Accounting – MS – Central CSU. **A motion to approve made by N. Cohen, seconded by L. DeNardis.** Provost Lopez introduced the program and Provost Lovitt and Dr. Durant from CCSU. Dr. Lovitt provided details noting the primarily hybrid delivery, the need for sitting for the CPA exam and the strong employment prospect. Students will primarily be CCSU's own graduates. Chair Harris asked about admission requirements and the path was described. It was noted these credits are needed to become a CPA. **The vote was taken and unanimously approved.**
- c. TAP Pathways Approvals. Co-Managers Candace Barrington and Ken Klucznik. Dr. Barrington gave preliminary remarks on the marketing efforts and showed the developing website. They will be doing a soft roll-out of the website and the new pathways.

**A motion to approve the pathways was made by N. Cohen, seconded by L. DeNardis.** Dr. Klucznik gave an overview of the programs and the faculty process. He noted they will be reviewed yearly. He provided some details on particular programs and showed the process on the website. **The vote was taken and unanimously approved.**

There was further discussion with Dr. Klucznik offering information on disciplines and some discussion on core community college programs transferring to all CSUs and COSC. It was mentioned that although it has worked very diligently, the Business Pathway Workgroup has been unable to resolve several issues related to TAP compliance. The pathway will now be considered by the TAP Coordinating Council, which is responsible for addressing and helping to resolve such issues. Dr. Barrington offered information on pathways coming forward in the Fall. There were

comments offering accolades for the work done thus far with additional comments on pursuit of a liberal arts pathway and marketing. Dr. Barrington remarked a two-year marketing plan has been developed.

- d. Honorary Degrees – **a motion to approve was made by N. Cohen, seconded by L. DeNardis. The vote was taken and unanimously approved.** Chair Harris mentioned the high standard of selections this year.
- e. BOR Faculty Awards – **a motion to approve was made by N. Cohen, seconded by L. DeNardis. The motion was unanimously approved.**

#### 4. Information Items

- a. Sabbaticals – CSUs – the item was noted.
- b. NEASC Letters
  - i. ECSU's 5<sup>th</sup> Year Report – noted
  - ii. TRCC's Progress Report – noted
  - iii. COSC – Master's program letter – details were requested. Dr. Lopez gave preliminary information on the program and NEASC's denial. Provost Shirley Adams provided explanation of the process followed, noting the differences in the new NEASC Standard just implemented. They have explained the process, noting their very rigorous process in place and have presented the document to NEASC. They also presented information on other well-known universities who use the same procedure. They have talked extensively with NEASC and have their agreement on what to present. The whole Board will be voting on it, however. They also provided other information and additional updates. In the meantime they are preparing for marketing, course development and faculty searches.

There was no other business. **A motion to adjourn was made by N. Cohen, seconded by M. Harris and unanimously approved.** The meeting adjourned at 12:18 p.m.