



CT BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Meeting – March 11, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.
Conducted via Remote Participation

MINUTES

- Regents Present: Ira Bloom, Aviva Budd, Holly Howery, Richard Porth, JoAnn Ryan and Colena Sesanker (ex officio)
- Regents Absent: Brandon Iovene (ex officio), Julia Noriega (ex officio)
- Staff Present: Gayle Barrett, Pam Heleen, Kenneth Klucznik, Fran Rosselli-Navarra, Patricia Ryiz, Noreen Wilson
- Other Attendees: Missy Alexander (WCSU), Amy Feest (CSCC), Trudy Milburn (SCSU), Bob Prezant (SCSU), Timothy Shizume (QVCC), Timothy St. James (ACC), Michael Stefanowicz (CSCC) and Sheldon Watson (SCSU).

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chair Ira Bloom.

An official roll call of the BOR Academic and Student Affairs Committee members was taken and the responses were as follows:

- Chair Ira Bloom – Present
- Regent Aviva Budd – Present
- Regent Holly Howery – Present
- Regent Richard Porth - Present
- Regent Colena Sesanker (ex officio) – Present
- Regent Julia Noriega (ex officio) – Not Present
- Regent Brandon Iovene (ex officio) – Not Present

A quorum was declared.

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. February 4, 2022

On a motion by A. Budd and seconded by H. Howery, a vote was taken and the minutes from the February 4, 2022, BOR ASA Committee meeting were approved unanimously.

2. Consent Items

a. Discontinuations

- i. Aviation Science, Flight – AS – Naugatuck Valley CC

On a motion by A. Budd and seconded by R. Porth, a vote was taken, and the discontinuation of the Naugatuck Valley Community College, Aviation Science, Flight, AS, was approved.

- ii. Aviation Science, Management Option – AS – Naugatuck Valley CC

On a motion by H. Howery and seconded by A. Budd, a vote was taken, and the discontinuation of the Naugatuck Valley Community College, Aviation Science, Management Option, as was approved.

3. Action Items

a. Modifications

- i. Medical Laboratory Technician – AS – Quinebaug Valley CC [Modification of Instructional Delivery]

Dr. Kenneth Klucznik introduced the modification and Dr. Timothy Shizume, Program Coordinator and Assistant Professor, presented.

Dr. Shizume spoke to the importance of the addition of a hybrid and an online instructional modality to assist our students in completing their degree and to reach potential students in farther areas of the State that have a 70-80 minute commute to the college. Dr. Shizume stated that QVCC is planning to beta test the program with Northwestern CT Community College and Charlotte Hungerford Hospital for the on-ground clinical portion of the course work to help assist students with completing their clinical portion of the course work. H. Howery thanked Dr. Shizume for being innovative in finding other ways to bring this program to students in other parts of the State.

Chair Bloom called for a motion to approve the Quinebaug Valley Community College Medical Laboratory Technician, AS, program modification in instructional modality, specifically, the addition of hybrid and online modalities to the current on ground modality. The motion was moved by Regent Budd and seconded by Regent Porth.

Chair Bloom called for a vote to approve the modification of the Quinebaug Valley Community College, Medical Laboratory Technician, AS. A vote was taken, and it was unanimous.

- ii. Social Work – Master of Social Work (MSW) – Southern CT State University [Modification of Instructional Modality]

Chair Bloom called for a motion to approve the modification in instructional modality, specifically, the addition of hybrid and online modalities to the current on ground modality – leading to a Master of Science in Social Work at Southern Connecticut State University. The motion was moved by Regent Budd and seconded by Regent Porth.

Dr. Klucznik suggested that the discussion be tabled as SCSU was having difficulty connecting. Regent Bloom tabled the discussion until later in the meeting.

Chair Bloom called for a motion to put this agenda item back on the table. The motion was moved by Regent Porth and seconded by Regent Budd.

Dr. Klucznik introduced this agenda item. Dr. Robert Prezant shared that the need to change modalities from solely on ground to both hybrid and fully online would help to accommodate the students who are often working professionals. The 1,100 hours of field practice, that will be on the ground, will still be required even though the instructional portion will be online, hybrid and on ground.

1) Regent Bloom asked if there are other Master of Social Work programs in the State that are offered in the same way? Dr. Prezant believes we will have the biggest range of offering in terms of modalities, but he will need to check with Dr. Bulmer. Dr. Klucznik stated that there is no such program with modalities in the system institutions.

Chair Bloom called for a vote. The vote was taken to approve the modification of a program in Social Work, MSW, at Southern CT State University, and it was unanimous.

- b. CT State Community College – Refund and Course Withdrawal Policy – Amendment
Chair Bloom called for a motion to approve the Refund and Course Withdrawal policy amendment to ensure that abbreviated terms do not have a longer period to add courses in comparison to full-term courses. The motion was moved by Regent Budd and seconded by Regent Porth.

Dr. Gayle Barrett, Associate Vice President of Enrollment and Retention Services, discussed the amendment and stated that courses can only be added up to seven calendar days of a full, 15-week term. This recommendation would be accomplished by amending the policy to state that courses can be added up to the first 10% of the abbreviated term length, but not to exceed seven calendar days.

1) Regent Bloom asked how long is the shortest-term length we have? Dr. Barrett stated that the shortest-term length we have is five (5) weeks equivalent to a 35-day term. Winter intersession terms can be shorter. A summer session can be five weeks.

Regent Bloom called for a vote to approve the CT State Community College Refund and Course Withdrawal policy amendment. A vote was taken, and it was unanimous.

- c. CT State Community College – Aligned Curriculum
Chair Bloom called for a motion to approve the licensure and accreditation of 39 degrees and certificates for Connecticut State Community College, developed from degrees and certificates previously approved by the Board for one or more of the 12 individually accredited colleges. The motion was moved by Regent Budd and seconded by Regent Howery.

Dr. Klucznik congratulated the team for the hard work that has been put into this process. Regent Budd agreed with Dr. Klucznik's statement.

Francine Rosselli-Navarra stated that she added a two-page document to the staff report which reflects the timeline they are working on for this project from now until June. There are 39 degrees and certificates in this release. What do we have left on the table Regent Budd asked? Dr. Francine Rosselli-Navarra responded that we started with over 1000 degrees and certificates. There will be about 250 degrees when we are finished. We have completed over half of these. Degrees need to go out for an endorsement period of a month so we will not see them until June.

Regent Howerly stated that is an amazing amount of work, staying on top of it, and the finish line is in sight.

Chair Bloom called for a vote to approve the licensure and accreditation of the 39 degrees and certificates for Connecticut State Community College. A vote was taken, and it was unanimous.

d. Honorary Degrees

Chair Bloom called for a motion to approve the 2022 Nominations for the Honorary Degrees. The motion was moved by Regent Budd and seconded by Regent Porth.

Chair Bloom congratulated the recipients of the Honorary Degrees.

1) Regent Budd asked if the recipients will be appearing in person. Pamela Heleen stated that during COVID times recipients were recorded receiving their honorary degrees and being hooded for the honor and shared during virtual commencement.

Regent Bloom called for a vote to approve the Nominations for the Honorary Degrees. A vote was taken, and it was unanimous.

e. Promotions and Tenures – CSCU – Spring

i. Western Connecticut State University

Chair Bloom called for a motion to approve the 2022 promotions and tenures recommended by the presidents of the Connecticut State Universities. The motion was moved by Regent Budd and seconded by Regent Howerly.

Chair Bloom called for a vote to approve the 2022 promotions and tenures recommended by the presidents of the Connecticut State Universities. A vote was taken, and it was unanimous.

4. Informational Items

a. Emeriti

- i. Southern CT State University
- ii. Tunxis Community College

Chair Bloom congratulated and thanked the faculty members for having served for this long of a time period.

b. Sabbaticals

i. Central CT State University – Revised

Chair Bloom acknowledged that Central CT State University edited their sabbatical document to reflect the correct amount of leave time. The correction has been accepted.

c. Below Threshold

i. Foundations in Digital Analytics – Certificate – Capital CC and Northwestern CT CC [New Academic Offering]

ii. Entrepreneurship Minor – Undergraduate Minor Program - Southern CT State University [New Academic Offering]

iii. BA in Mathematics: Accelerated M.A.T. Math 7-12 Pathway – Concentration – Southern CT State University

Chair Bloom called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was moved by Regent Budd and seconded by Regent Howery.

Chair Bloom called for a vote to adjourn the meeting. A vote was taken, and it was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 am.