



CT BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Meeting March 13, 2015

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

MINUTES

Regents Present: Merle Harris, Stephen Adair, Eugene Bell, Naomi Cohen, Lawrence DeNardis (by conf.)

Regents Absent: Craig Lappen, Catherine Smith

Staff Present: Estela Lopez, Candace Barrington, William Gammell, Duncan Harris, Ken Klucznik, Maureen McClay, Arthur Poole, Jane Williams

Other Attendees: Michael Alfano (CCSU), Mehrdad Faezi (MCC), Rhona Free (ECSU), Penelope Lisi (CCSU), Marianne Kennedy (SCSU), Maura O'Connor, Sandra Palmer (MCC), Michael Rooke (TxCC), Deborah Simmons (MCC),

Chair Merle Harris called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

1. Minutes of January 30, 2015 – **N. Cohen moved to approve the minutes; seconded by E. Bell and unanimously approved.**
2. Action Items
 - a. Modification – Educational Leadership and Administration Ed.D. – Central CSU. There was a motion to remove from table by N. Cohen, seconded by E. Bell and unanimously approved. Dr. Lopez introduced the CCSU representatives, Dean Michael Alfano and Dr. Penelope Lisi. They discussed the revised budget and reviewed the program, noting the international opportunities and the self-supporting budget. Discussion and questions followed with concerns being addressed. Regent DeNardis stated his overall fiscal concerns and noted he couldn't support the program modification at this time. There was additional discussion on institutional growth. **There was a motion by N. Cohen to approve the program contingent on CCSU's budget being finalized for FY 2016 and allowing for adequate funding. It was seconded by E. Bell. The motion was approved with 3 voting yes and one no vote by Regent DeNardis.**
 - b. Honorary Degrees. **There was a motion to approve by N. Cohen, seconded by E. Bell.** Dr. Lopez described the resolution recommending the one posthumous exception and noting all the outstanding nominees. **It was unanimously approved.**
 - c. BOR Faculty Awards. Regent Harris spoke briefly about the background of the Faculty Awards. Dr. Lopez remarked on the recognition program noting the process and review

by peers. She introduced Arthur Poole who managed the program at the system office. He added the roster of nominations were very good this year and gave a brief review of the process at the campuses. **A motion to approve was made by N. Cohen, seconded by E. Bell and unanimously approved.**

- d. Policy on Associate Degrees. **A motion to approve was moved by N. Cohen, seconded by E. Bell.** Discussion – Chair Harris made introductory comments with a brief review of the background and actions so far. Dr. Lopez added comments noting she had also spoken with NEASC and the policy and TAP program complied with accreditation standards. She introduced TAP Co-Managers Candace Barrington and Ken Klucznik. Dr. Barrington provided more background on the work done on the policy noting some clarifying changes that were implemented. Dr. Klucznik addressed concerns that have been brought forth. They added other comments about future plans to address concerns and reach cohesiveness. They also mentioned the review process by numerous groups. Questions and discussion followed. Dr. Klucznik also noted the difficult, complex work being done by the Pathways Committees. **The vote was taken and unanimously approved, with the addition to the motion that the moratorium on new programs would be lifted pending approval by the full Board.**

e. TAP - Name and local status of pathway transfer degrees.

3.a. Protocol for systemwide approval of TAP Pathway Degrees

These statements were described by the TAP Managers noting they were for the Committee's information and were still being worked on.

There was no other business. There was a motion to adjourn by N. Cohen, seconded by E. Bell and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.