



CT BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Meeting March 24, 2016

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

MINUTES

- Regents Present: Merle Harris, Stephen Adair, Naomi Cohen, Lawrence DeNardis (by conf.)
- Regents Absent: Catherine Smith
- Staff Present: Jason Ebbeling, Bill Gammell, Ken Klucznik, Maureen McClay, Nancy Melnicsak, Stacey Musulin, Arthur Poole, Karen Stone
- Other Attendees: Shirley Adams (COSC), Missy Alexander (WCSU), Ann Branchini (TRCC), Ilene Crawford (SCS&), Greg DeSantis (HO), Jane Gates (WCSU), Samantha Gonzales (MCC), Colleen Kearney (ACC), Allison MacKenzie (MCC), Demitrios Pachis (ECSU), Debbie Thomas (CCC), Ed Muenzner (TRCC), Irene Rios-Knauf (NVCC), Joe Young (CCC)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Harris at 9:39 a.m.

1. Approval of Minutes – January 8, 2016. There was **a motion to approve by L. DeNardis, seconded by N.Cohen.** Chair Harris offered an amendment to add the following sentence to Item 3.c. TAP Pathways Approvals:
3rd paragraph, insert a second sentence to read: *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.*
N. Cohen moved to approve the amendment, L. DeNardis seconded it – the amendment was approved. The vote was then taken on the amended minutes and unanimously approved.
2. Consent Items
 - a. Terminations. **There was a motion to approve by N. Cohen, seconded by L. DeNardis.** There was a general question regarding terminations. Dr. Lopez noted most of these terminations were a result of the program review. Two things determine need for terminations – low enrollments and, in the case of the community colleges especially, a response to the economic situation. Dr. Lopez also mentioned the Normalization Policy and addressing the curriculum. She commended the academic vice presidents and deans who are focusing on this. There was further discussion on terminations’ teach-outs. **The vote was taken and unanimously**

approved.

3. Action Items

a. Modifications

- i. Business Administration – AS – Three Rivers CC. **A motion to approve was made by L. DeNardis, seconded by N. Cohen.** Dr. Lopez introduced Dean Branchini and Ed Muenzner from Three Rivers. She noted that Dean Branchini will be leaving for a new opportunity and the hard work she has done on program review and revising. She also mentioned the similarity to the other recently approved umbrella-type degree. Dean Branchini introduced her colleague and noted this was modified as a result of program review. The design was embraced by their Business Department. Prof. Muenzner provided details noting they expected graduation rates will go up. In response to a question it was mentioned these are career programs and mostly terminal degrees rather than transfer. **The vote was taken and unanimously approved.**
- ii. Computer Game Design – AS – Manchester CC. **A motion to approve was made by N. Cohen, seconded by L. DeNardis.** Provost Lopez introduced Samantha Gonzales, the Division Director, from Manchester CC and noted the unique transfer to UConn. Ms. Gonzales provided details and answered questions. **The vote was taken and unanimously approved.**
- iii. Graphic Design – AS – Manchester CC. **A motion to approve made by L. DeNardis, seconded by N. Cohen.** Dr. Lopez provided an introduction noting the same type of approach. Ms. Gonzales provided details, mentioning the need for updating the program. **The vote was taken and unanimously approved.**
- iv. Health and Exercise Science – AS – Manchester CC. **The motion to approve made by N. Cohen, seconded by L. DeNardis.** Dr Lopez noted the guided approach and introduced Alison McKenzie the program coordinator. She provided background for the modification and responded to questions, noting the easy availability of jobs. It was mentioned that they were working on TAP compliance. **The vote was unanimous approval.**

b. Accreditation

- i. Sport & Entertainment Management – MS – Southern CSU. **A motion to approve made by L. DeNardis, seconded by N. Cohen.** Provost Lopez explained the fully online program, noting it was licensed by the BOR in 2014, has experienced growth, and was now coming for accreditation for the first cohort of students graduating. Dr. Crawford provided further details mentioning its sustainability. There was discussion on out-of-state enrollment and jobs. **The vote was taken and unanimously approved.**

c. New Program

- i. Liberal Arts – BA – Western CSU. **A motion to approve made by N. Cohen, seconded by L. DeNardis.** Provost Lopez introduced Dr. Gates and Dean Alexander. It was stated the program was geared to returning adults and the broad approach to completing the degree. Dr. Gates also noted the interdisciplinary nature, adult learners, similarity to other CSUs, the students

own pathways, and potential improvement in retention and graduation rates. There were questions and discussion on the title of the degree. Further discussion addressed liberal arts, general education, types of students, rigorousness, types of programs at other CSUs and other institutions. Dr. Lopez suggested bringing it back and doing further research on the title. **On a motion by N. Cohen, seconded by L. DeNardis, the item was tabled.**

- d. Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Policy. **A motion to approve made by L. DeNardis, seconded by N. Cohen.** Dr. Lopez introduced Jason Ebbeling of the System Office and Greg DeSantis from Housatonic, also mentioning the System Office Financial Aid Director, S. McDowell's absence due to the birth of their new baby. Dr. Lopez spoke about the research and reasons for bringing this policy revision noting the benefits for students. She also spoke about the process, the meetings with many of the councils, including presidents, academic officers, student affairs officers, and financial aid directors. They also talked with the National Association of Financial Aid. Mr. DeSantis and Mr. Ebbeling spoke about the reasons and need for the change, noting the differences. There were some questions with explanations provided. There was more discussion on student success and early intervention in conjunction with financial aid. There was a proposal to revise language slightly in the resolution and address another concern in the wording in the Staff Report. The revision would be prepared for the full Board meeting. **A motion to accept the resolution with the noted amendments was moved by L. DeNardis, seconded by N. Cohen and unanimously approved. The vote was taken on the amended resolution and unanimously approved.**
- e. CSU Faculty Research Grants. **A motion to approve was made by N. Cohen, seconded by L. DeNardis.** Dr. Lopez gave a brief explanation. **The vote was taken and unanimously approved.**
- f. Honorary Degree –QVCC. **A motion to approve made by L. DeNardis, seconded by M. Harris.** Dr. Lopez noted the additional Honorary Degree request and the circumstances. **The vote was taken and unanimously approved.**
- g. Shared Governance Award. **A motion to approve moved by L. DeNardis seconded by N. Cohen.** Dr. Lopez explained the idea and rationale for this award proposal, describing this was a combined award to be offered from the Board of Regents and the Faculty Advisory Committee. S. Adair added comments on the history. It was also mentioned that it was reviewed with the presidents. **The vote was taken and unanimously approved.**

4. Information Items. The three information items were indicated.

There was no other business. **A motion to adjourn was made by N. Cohen, seconded by L. DeNardis and unanimously approved.** The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.