



CT BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Friday, April 8, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

Conducted via Remote Participation

Meeting will live stream at: <http://youtu.be/saGiKm9wwl>

MINUTES

- Regents Present: Ira Bloom, Aviva Budd, Holly Howery, Dr. Manisha Juthani (ex officio), Richard Porth, JoAnn Ryan, Colena Sesanker (ex officio), and Kelli-Marie Vallieres (ex officio)
- Regents Absent: Brandon Iovene (ex officio) and Julia Noriega (ex officio)
- Staff Present: Victoria Bozzuto, Amy Feest, Pamela Heleen, Kenneth Klucznik, Fran Rosselli-Navarra, Pat Ryiz, Mike Stefanowicz, Noreen Wilson
- Other Attendees: David Ferreira (COSC), George Pepper (NCC), Stephen Hegedus (SCSU), Bruce Kalk (SCSU), Tess Marchant-Shapiro (SCSU), Robert Prezant (SCSU), Timothy St. James (ACC), Sheldon Watson (CCSU), and Jonathan Wharton (SCSU)

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 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. March 11, 2022

On a motion by A. Budd and seconded by R. Porth, a vote was taken and the minutes from the March 11, 2022, BOR ASA Committee meeting were approved unanimously.

2. Consent Items

a. Discontinuations

- i. General Studies – BS - Paralegal Studies - Concentration Only – Charter Oak State College - **withdrawn**
- ii. General Studies – BS – Liberal Studies – Concentration Only – Charter Oak State College
- iii. General Studies – BS – Economics – Concentration Only – Charter Oak State College
- iv. General Studies – BS – Applied Behavioral Science – Concentration Only – Charter Oak State College

Provost Kenneth Klucznik informed the Committee that Charter Oak State College is removing Item 2.a.i. General Studies – BS - Paralegal Studies – Concentration Only from the agenda.

Chair Bloom called for a motion to approve the consent items to discontinue three program concentrations: Liberal Studies, Economics, and Applied Behavioral Science BS in General Studies. The motion was moved by A. Budd and seconded by R. Porth.

Chair Bloom called for a vote to approve the discontinuations of the three Charter Oak State College BS in General Studies program concentrations listed above. A vote was taken, and it was unanimous.

3. Action Items

a. Modifications

- i. Educational Leadership – Intermediate Administrator – Sixth Year Certificate – Southern CT State University [Modification of Instructional Modality]
- ii. Educational Leadership – Doctor of Education (EDD) - Southern CT State University [Modification of Instructional Modality]
- iii. School Psychology – MS – Southern CT State University [Modification of Instructional Modality]
- iv. School Psychology – Sixth Year Certificate – Southern CT State University [Modification of Instructional Modality]

Chair Bloom called for a motion to approve the modifications of four Southern CT State University programs Educational Leadership – Intermediate Administrator – Sixth Year Certificate, Educational Leadership – EDD, School Psychology – MS and School Psychology – Sixth Year Certificate specifically the replacement of the current on ground modality with a hybrid modality. The motion was moved by A. Budd and seconded by R. Porth.

Chair Bloom called for a vote to approve the modality changes for the four Southern CT State University programs. A vote was taken, and it was unanimous.

- b. Suspensions
 - i. General Studies – BS – Anthropology - Concentration Only – Charter Oak State College
 - ii. General Studies – BS – Applied Arts - Concentration Only – Charter Oak State College
 - iii. General Studies – BS – Art History - Concentration Only – Charter Oak State College
 - iv. General Studies – BS – Music History - Concentration Only – Charter Oak State College
 - v. General Studies – BS – Music Theory – Concentration Only – Charter Oak State College

Provost Klucznik stated that he would like to divide these programs into two blocks. Items 3.b.i and 3.b.ii will be voted on as one block. Items 3.b.iii through 3.b.v will need amendments to the resolutions for a correction of the ending date from Spring 2022 to Spring 2024.

Provost Klucznik asked if resolution 3.b.iii through 3.b.v need separate votes, one for amending the resolution and one for the amended resolutions.

Chair Bloom stated that we should do two separate votes.

Chair Bloom called for a motion to approve the suspension of Items 3.b.i. and 3.b. ii. in the Charter Oak State College BS in General Studies for concentrations Anthropology and Applied Arts. The motion was moved by A. Budd and seconded by R. Porth.

Regent Budd asked if the concentrations are being discontinued because there is not enough activity in them? Provost Ferreira stated that each concentration has very low enrollment. Enrollment has been in the single digits. COSC plans to use this time to discuss what they could do in the future with these concentrations.

Chair Bloom called for a vote to approve the suspension of Items 3.b.i. and 3.b.ii in the BS in General Studies concentrations, Anthropology and Applied Arts. A vote was taken, and it was unanimous.

Chair Bloom called for a motion to approve the change of the resolutions for Items 3.b.iii.-v. the Charter Oak State College, BS in General Studies, Art History, Music History, and Music Theory concentrations to change the suspension date from Spring 2022 to Spring 2024. The motion was moved by A. Budd and seconded by R. Porth.

Chair Bloom called for a vote on the amended resolutions. A vote was taken, and it was unanimous.

- c. New Programs
 - i. Legal Studies – BS – Charter Oak State College - **withdrawn**
 - ii. Master of Public Administration – MPA – Southern CT State University

Chair Bloom called for a motion to approve the licensure of a program in Public Administration leading to a Master of Public Administration at Southern Connecticut State University; and grant its accreditation for a period of seven semesters beginning with its initiation, such initiation to be determined in compliance with BOR guidelines

for new programs approved on or after April 3, 2020. The motion was moved by Regent Porth and seconded by Regent Budd.

Regent Porth asked if there are other Master of Public Administration programs in the state. Provost Klucznik introduced Provost Robert Prezant to the committee. Provost Prezant introduced Dr. Bruce Kalk, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and Drs. Tess Marchant-Shapiro and Jonathan Wharton from the Department of Political Science.

Dr. Kalk stated that there are no other MPA programs at any of the other CSUs. He stated that there is an MPA program at the University of Connecticut (UCONN), however UCONN is a distance from the New Haven and New York Metropolitan area. SCSU has a locational advantage.

Dr. Kalk stated that the team did extensive market research. The demand to hire MPAs in the state far exceeds the number of individuals graduating in Connecticut. As a social justice issue, SCSU will be able to provide a more cost-effective degree than the private universities in the region which will be SCSU's primary competitors. SCSU is seeking accreditation. UCONN is the only accredited MPA program in the state. This degree will lead to leadership positions in careers in government agencies, foundations, non-profits, and NGOs. Incomes are typically very healthy.

Regent Budd asked if enrollment in the UCONN program has been steadily increasing. Also, how many students did they graduate from the program? Is it worth the financial burden to obtain this degree?

Dr. Marchant-Shapiro stated that enrollment in the program at UCONN has steadily increased and that this program is in demand. There is not a bachelor's degree in public administration. The standard for the industry is to obtain an MPA. It helps a graduate's career tremendously. Dr. Wharton stated this is also considered a vocational degree.

Regent Budd also asked if the degree was online. Dr. Marchant-Shapiro stated that some of the classes are online but that the MPA is an on-ground program. It was noted that individuals would have to apply to a college out of state to have a fully-online program.

Dr. Manisha Juthani spoke as somebody who's worked in healthcare and discussed what she's seen in hospital administration. For people to advance in hospital administration, the MPA degree provides the skills that many people and hospitals are looking for.

Regent Porth echoed Dr. Juthani's comments and agreed that his MPA helped him during his career in government service, non-profit service, and private foundation service. He believes CT is a state that needs more people trained in this way.

Regent Bloom agreed that this is a very important degree for CSCU to have. This is a degree that moves people into mid-level and high-level positions in the public sector.

Chair Bloom called for a vote to approve the proposed Southern CT State University Master of Public Administration (MPA) Degree. A vote was taken, and it was unanimous.

- d. CT State Community College Policy Recommendations
 - i. 5.2.1 Policy on Student Rights, Section 3 Review of Academic Standing
 - ii. Community College Honors - Semester and Graduation
 - iii. Fresh Start Policy

Amy Feest, Associate Vice President of Programs and Curriculum, CSCC, presented the Academic Appeals, Dean's List and Academic Fresh Start Policies. AVP Feest stated that CSCC has been reviewing all academic policies to ensure that they are appropriate and reflect best practices. The CSCC team reviewing the policies determined that there shouldn't be one policy for students to appeal a grade or notation. They separated the policy into three types of appeals (explained below) based on the time students need to get a response.

Academic Appeals will stay at the campus level. The Committee determined that the policy needs to be broken down to three separate procedures. The traditional academic appeal should not stop the student from progress into the next semester. If a student needs the grade to take the next course, the appeal process should be done before the start of the next semester. This would be an expedited appeals process. The third would be a clinical process. First it needs to go back to the faculty at the very beginning of the appeals process. This needs to be decided within 10 days to ensure the student can get into the clinical component on time. These new processes will allow for students to not be academically harmed due to a time lag of having their appeal heard. CSCC worked closely with Naugatuck Valley on this process.

Chair Bloom called for a motion to approve the modification of the Policy on Student Rights, Section 3 Review of Academic Standing policy. The motion was moved by R. Porth and seconded by H. Howery.

Chair Bloom called for a vote to approve the modifications to the Policy on Student Rights, Section 3 Review of Academic Standing. A vote was taken, and it was unanimous.

Chair Bloom called for a motion to approve the modification of the Community College Honors - Semester and Graduation Policy (renamed CT State Honors – Semester and Graduation). The motion was moved by R. Porth and seconded by H. Howery.

The former Academic Dean's List Policy stated that if a student withdrew from a class during a semester, they would automatically not be allowed to be on the Dean's list that semester or until they accumulated an additional 12 credits. If a student stays at a full-time load after withdrawing from a course, they will not be penalized and still be able to be on the Dean's list. This would align with the CSU's policy as well.

Regent Howery stated that it sounds like a good modification to keep students engaged, interested, and rewarded for when they do work.

Regent Budd stated that is important to continue to look at the policies. Chair Bloom agreed that this is an important exercise to do as we move forward with the consolidation. He thanked AVP Feest.

Chair Bloom called for a vote to approve the modifications to the Policy on Community College Honors-Semester and Graduation. A vote was taken, and it was unanimous.

Chair Bloom called for a motion to approve the modification of the Fresh Start Policy (renamed Academic Fresh Start). The motion was moved by R. Porth and seconded by A. Budd.

The current Fresh Start Policy requires a student to step out for two years to have their non-passing academic grades removed. It will now be called the Academic Fresh Start Program to reiterate that this will remove those grades but will not change a student's financial aid status. Students will now be able to use this policy after stepping out for one year. Students can apply for the Academic Fresh Start Program and restart their college careers, but students must meet with a GPA advisor and complete nine (9) credit hours to ensure that they are academically ready to come back. Students will sign off that they understand that this is an Academic Fresh Start and not a Financial Aid Fresh Start.

Regent Budd asked if a student could obtain more course credits, than 9 credits before accepting the Fresh Start Policy. AVP Feest stated that they could do that, but they will not qualify for the Academic Fresh Start program before they take nine credits.

Chair Bloom asked that when a transcript goes out what does it show? AVP Feest stated that there is a caret next to the grade to show that a grade is not included in the GPA. Academic records cannot be altered.

Chair Bloom called for a vote to approve the modifications to the Fresh Start Policy. A vote was taken, and it was unanimous.

e. CT State Community College Aligned Curriculum

Chair Bloom called for a motion to approve the licensure and accreditation of the newly aligned degrees and certificates for Connecticut State Community College (listed in the BOR Resolution), 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 Howery and Regent Porth seconded the motion.

Provost Klucznik introduced Dr. Rosselli-Navarra and stated that the CT State Community College seeks approval for another set of aligned curriculum for the colleges. He thanked Dr. Rosselli-Navarra and her team of alignment managers for their dedication and countless hours of work.

Dr. Rosselli-Navarra presented the 32 degrees and certificates. Seventy-one programs and certificates were reviewed in Fall of 2021. Thirty-nine of them came back for revision. These are the 32 that made it through the endorsement process. This shows that the endorsement process works when programs are sent out for public viewing and comments.

Chair Bloom called for a vote to approve the licensure and accreditation of the degrees and

certificates for Connecticut State Community College (listed in the BOR Resolution) developed from degrees and certificates previously approved by the Board for one or more of the 12 individually accredited colleges. A vote was taken, and it was unanimous.

f. Board of Regents Faculty Awards

Chair Bloom called for a motion to accept the campus-based nominations for the Teaching Awards (CSU), Teaching Awards (CCC), Research Awards and the Scholarly Excellence Awards for the 2021-22 academic year. The motion was moved by R. Porth and seconded by A. Budd.

Provost Klucznik presented the Faculty Awards by stating that each spring, the Board of Regents recognizes faculty from across the system for excellence in both teaching and scholarly work. For full time faculty each school can grant awards in two categories – one in teaching, and one in research or scholarly excellence. Each of these awards then becomes eligible for a system award in those categories. In addition, two nominated adjunct faculty receive system awards for excellence in teaching. These awards showcase their excellent work. Provost Klucznik asked the Regents to approve the nominations and join him in congratulating the recipients.

Dr. Klucznik thanked Noreen Wilson for coordinating, collecting, and distributing nomination packets and tallying all this work.

Chair Bloom stated that this is a wonderful recognition.

Chair Bloom called for a vote to approve the Board of Regents Faculty Awards for the 2021 -22 Academic Year. A vote was taken, and it was unanimous.

g. CSCU Shared Governance Award

Chair Bloom called for a motion to accept the CSCU Shared Governance Award recipient for the 2021-22 academic year, Three Rivers Community College. The motion was moved by H. Howery and seconded by A. Budd.

Provost Klucznik presented the CSCU Shared Governance Award by stating that each spring, the Board of Regents in partnership with the Faculty Advisory Committee grant a Shared Governance Award to a university or community college. This year the award goes to Three Rivers Community College for its exemplar demonstration of the shared governance practice.

Chair Bloom stated that he and Regent Howery along with two active faculty members were part of this Committee.

Chair Bloom called for a vote to accept the CSCU Shared Governance Award recipient for the 2021-22 academic year, Three Rivers Community College. A vote was taken, and it was unanimous.

4. Informational Items

a. Below Threshold

- i. Bilingual Extension Program – Graduate Certificate – Southern CT State University [New Academic Offering]
 - ii. Digital Humanities – Minor – Southern CT State University [New Academic Offering]
 - iii. Exercise & Sport Science- Sport Science, B.S.–Accelerated M.S. Exercise Science- Clinical Exercise Physiology Pathway – Concentration - Southern CT State University [New Academic Offering]
 - iv. Exercise & Sport Science- Sport Science, B.S.–Accelerated M.S. Exercise Science- Human Performance Pathway – Concentration - Southern CT State University [New Academic Offering]
 - v. Exercise & Sport Science- Sport Science, B.S.–Accelerated M.S. Physical Activity & Chronic Disease Pathway - Concentration - Southern CT State University [New Academic Offering]
 - vi. African Studies – Minor - Southern CT State University [Name Change to Africana Studies]
 - vii. Accounting Analytics – Official Certificate Program – Central CT State University [New Academic Offering]
 - viii. B.S. Marketing to Master of Business Administration accelerated pathway – Concentration – Central CT State University [New Academic Offering]
 - ix. B.S. Management to Master of Business Administration accelerated pathway – Concentration- Central CT State University [New Academic Offering]
 - x. B.S. Finance to MS in Accounting accelerated pathway – Concentration - Central CT State University [New Academic Offering]
 - xi. Computer Science Transfer Pathway – Computer Science Transfer Ticket
 - xii. Biology Transfer Pathway – Biology Studies Transfer Ticket
- b. CT State Community College Areas of Study Policy Update

Dr. Klucznik stated that in March 2019, the Board of Regents passed the Areas of Study Policy for the future CT State Community College as part of the annual cycle of reports to the Board. CT State will update the BOR on the implementation of this policy. Dr. Rosselli-Navarra and AVP Feest were introduced to present the proposal and answer questions.

AVP Feest stated that CSCC has been working hard to build the academic side based on the areas of study. There are 6 areas of study. CSCC is matching all the curriculum so they will be able to have disciplines represented that are appropriate within those six areas of study. CSCC is also in the process of hiring the Areas of Study Academic Deans. The hope is to bring in the new hires within six weeks or so. CSCC is also working with Admissions and the Guided Pathways staff to incorporate the areas of study so that students will come into an area of study that interests them. They can move around the area without losing credits so they can settle into the right area without worrying about repeating classes or taking the wrong classes. The six Areas of Study that were originally proposed have been tweaked. They hope to bring forth a policy next month.

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

iii. Western CT State University

Chair Bloom introduced a fourth emeritus. He read President Terrence Cheng's letter to Dr. William Gammell to present the title of Emeritus Associate Vice President of the Office of Research and System Effectiveness with all associated rights and privileges.

Chair Bloom called for a round of applause. Provost Klucznik stated that Dr. Gammell is watching and listening via YouTube to observe this honor.

On a motion by A. Budd and seconded by H. Howery, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting of the April 8, 2022, BOR Academic and Student Affairs Committee at 10:26 a.m.