



# CT BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

## ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Meeting – April 29, 2016  
9:30 a.m.– 61 Woodland Street, Hartford

### MINUTES

Regents Present: Merle Harris, Stephen Adair, Naomi Cohen, Lawrence DeNardis, Holly Palmer

Regents Absent: Catherine Smith

Staff Present: Estela Lopez, Elsa Nunez, Candace Barrington, Bill Gammell, Ken Klucznik, Maureen McClay, Nancy Melnicsak, Stacey Musulin, Arthur Poole, Karen Stone, Steve Weinberger

Other Attendees: Missy Alexander (WCSU), Michael Alfano (CCSU), Ann Atkinson (WCSU), Christine Broadbridge (SCSU), Ralph Cohen (CCSU), Ilene Crawford (SCSU), Basia Dellaripa (CCC), Ellen Durnin (SCSU), Dan Fuller (GCC), Sean Grace (SCSU), Ann Hermans (NCC), Steve Klinger (CCSU), Mark Kosinski (GCC), Carl Lovitt (CCSU), Scott McFarland (GCC), Vanessa Morest (NCC), Wilfredo Nieves (CCC), Bill Newsome (SCSU), Demitrios Pachis (ECSU), Ryan Pierson (CCC), Usha Pillai (SCSU), Nicolas Phillips (SCSU), Elaine Wilson (CCSU)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Harris at 9:39 a.m. She introduced and welcomed Holly Palmer, the new student Regent, who gave some brief background information on herself.

Chair Harris then stated the necessity for a brief executive session. At 9:42 a.m. on a motion by L. DeNardis, seconded by N. Cohen, the committee voted to go into executive session for the purpose of discussion concerning strategy related to collective bargaining. Chair Harris announced that no votes would be taken in executive session and directed the following staff members to remain: Estela Lopez, Interim Provost/Senior Vice President, Academic & Student Affairs, Elsa Nunez, VP State Universities and President, Eastern CSU, Steven Weinberger, Vice President, Human Resources, Maureen McClay, Executive Asst., Academic & Student Affairs.

At 10:00 a.m. Chair Harris announced that the meeting was in open session and that no action was taken in executive session.

1. Approval of Minutes – March 24, 2016 and March 29, 2016. Chair Harris announced the two sets of minutes, explaining the special meeting was for the purpose of discussion with faculty when meeting at a campus. **On a motion by N. Cohen, seconded by L. DeNardis, both sets of minutes were unanimously approved.**
2. Consent Items. **On a motion from L. DeNardis, seconded by N. Cohen, Consent Items were unanimously approved.** Consent items approved were:

- a. Terminations
  - i. Electrical – Cert – Middlesex CC
  - ii. Multimedia Studies – AA – Manchester CC
  - iii. Physical Therapist Assistant – AS – Manchester CC
  - iv. Taxation – Cert – Manchester CC
  - v. Sustainable Energy – Cert – Manchester CC
  - vi. Supply Chain Management – Cert – Manchester CC
  - vii. Polysomnography – Cert – Manchester CC
3. TAP Update Presentation. Provost Lopez introduced Ken Klucznik and Candace Barrington. They provided a powerpoint presentation and overview of the transfer and articulation program from its beginnings to current status.
4. Action Items
  - a. Accreditation – Veterinary Technology AS – Norwalk CC. **A motion to approve made by L. DeNardis, seconded by N. Cohen.** Provost Lopez introduced Dean Morest also noting the college had been asked to modify the program for normalization but first was coming forward for accreditation necessary for their first graduates. They will come back with the modification at a later date. Dean Morest provided details on the program and introduced the program coordinator. They also noted the modification with reduced credits had already been through their curriculum committee. There were a few questions, including similarities to Northwestern’s program. Dr. Lopez noted that the upcoming modified program would become a model for other similar programs. There was other discussion on enrollments. **The vote was taken and unanimously approved.**
  - b. Modifications – Gateway Community College
    - i. Data Security Specialist – AS
    - ii. General Automotive Tech - Certificate
    - iii. General Automotive Tech – AAS
    - iv. Mobile Application Development – AS**A motion to move all four modification name changes from Gateway CC was moved by N. Cohen, seconded by L. DeNardis and unanimously approved.**
  - c. New Programs
    - i. Liberal Arts/Interdisciplinary Studies – BA – Western CSU. On a motion by N. Cohen, seconded by H. Palmer and unanimously approved Western’s Liberal Arts program was removed from table. **A motion was then made to approve the program with the revised title of Interdisciplinary Studies by L. DeNardis, seconded by N. Cohen.** Provost Lopez mentioned the research done regarding the title noting the Interdisciplinary Studies fits better. She introduced Asso. VP Ann Atkinson and Dean Missy Alexander who provided further comments. There was a question on the foreign language requirement and it was noted that would be addressed if needed. Regent Adair mentioned again he would prefer to see more rigor in the program. **The vote was taken and unanimously approved.**

- ii. Automotive Technology – Honda PACT – AAS and Certificate – Gateway CC. **A motion to approve made by N. Cohen, seconded by L. DeNardis.** Provost Lopez introduced Dean Kosinski and his colleagues. Dean Kosinski gave preliminary comments noting the lengthy process with Honda. Program Coordinator Dan Fuller provided details on the partnership and the facility, including recent upgrades. Scott McFarland then provided details on the Honda program and overview of the whole automotive program. There was some discussion. **A vote was taken and unanimously approved.**
- iii. Biotechnology – BS – Southern CSU. **A motion to approve made by N. Cohen, seconded by L. DeNardis.** Provost Lopez introduced Dean Durnin, colleagues and industry people, noting their partnerships. Dean Durnin and Prof. Christine Broadbridge introduced visitors. Prof. Sean Grace gave details of the program, workforce needs, program development and vetting and industry input. It was noted the MOU with industry companies was signed last May. There were further details on needs assessment and working with industry and the city of New Haven. The representative from the city, Usha Pillai, offered comments on the bridge between academics and industry, growing the biotechnology sector, and internships. Other representatives added comments. One question on attracting women was addressed. **The vote was taken and unanimously approved.**
- iv. Construction Management – Certificate – Capital CC. **A motion to approve made by N. Cohen, seconded by L. DeNardis.** Provost Lopez introduced President Nieves who introduced colleagues from CCC. He provided an overview. There was some discussion on movement from certificate to degree, and jobs available. It was noted this was also in response to a federal grant. **A vote was taken and unanimously approved.**
- d. Promotions and Tenures. **A motion to approve all was made by N. Cohen, seconded by H. Palmer.** It was noted resolution language included “in accordance with the contract”. A separate discussion also ensued on student evaluations. **The vote was then taken and unanimously approved.**
- e. Appointment to Wm. A. O’Neill Endowed Chair – Central CSU. **A motion to approve made by N. Cohen, seconded by L. DeNardis.** Provost Lopez introduced Dr. Lovitt and Center Director, Steve Kliger, noting the candidate for Endowed Chair was Donald DeFronzo. There was a question on employment after state retirement but it was stated this would be less than the 120 days limit. Dr. Lovitt pointed out his resume and the search that was conducted. Regent DeNardis noted Mr. DeFronzo was very well qualified. **The vote was taken and unanimously approved.**
- f. New Center of Excellence for Social & Emotional Learning – CCSU. **A motion to approve made by H. Palmer, seconded by L. DeNardis.** Dr. Lopez introduced Dr. Lovitt and Dean Michael Alfano. Dr. Lovitt gave an overview of purpose and need noting the guidance and benefits that will be provided to the state and school systems

in conjunction with the school of education. He added information on the conservative, balanced budget, the funds already identified for start-up and the expectation it would develop into revenue profitability. Discussion followed with Regents noting the extremely difficult fiscal situation with many cuts expected. Dean Alfano noted the paradigm shift on social and emotional learning and the need for infusing new ideas into schools. Provost Lopez suggested the item could be tabled to explore more fully. **A motion to table the item was made by N. Cohen, seconded by H. Palmer and unanimously approved.**

5. Information Items. Items were noted. There was one question on the below-threshold item from Eastern CSU – the Minor in Insurance. Dr. Pachis provided information, mentioning their long partnership with Cigna.

There was no other business. **A motion to adjourn was made by N. Cohen, seconded by H. Palmer and unanimously approved.** The meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.