

CONNECTICUT BOARD OF REGENTS
MEETING OF THE
ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING – MINUTES
9:30 a.m. – Friday, May 4, 2012

CSU System Office
Boardroom 123
Hartford, CT

Regents Present: Merle Harris, Chair, Naomi Cohen, Nicholas Donofrio (via conference), Michael Fraser

Regents Absent: Lawrence DeNardis, René Lerer, Yvette Melendez, Alex Tettey, Catherine Smith

Staff Present: Braden Hosch, David Levinson, Elsa Nunez, Pamela Coleman, Maureen McClay

Invited Guests: Deborah Adams and Harriet Feldlaufer from the CT Department of Education

Other attendees: Shirley Adams, Patricia Bouffard, Tom Clark, Wayne Demske, Amy DeSonia, Mark Kosinski, Bonnie Lee Rabe, Michael Rooke, Paul Silberquit

Chair Merle Harris called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m.

1. **Approval of minutes** moved by Nick Donofrio, seconded by Naomi Cohen; unanimously approved.
2. **CSU Research and Teaching Awards Nominations.** Resolution distributed. Chair noted language change in introductory sentence of resolution – it reads “The Board of Regents for Higher Education resolves that the 2012 faculty recognition awards for the Connecticut State Universities be awarded as follows.”

Dr. Nunez gave background on issuance of awards. The research awards were originally proposed by Norton Mezvinsky and established in 2006 (and named for him several years later). They include a \$1,000 stipend. The teaching awards were established in 2007 and also carry a \$1,000 stipend. Also in 2007, a “system” award for each was begun, to be chosen from the awardees by committee process. Funding is a one-time award for each recipient provided by the system office.

The eight nominees from the four universities plus the two system nominees were moved for approval by Naomi Cohen, seconded by Nick Donofrio. It was unanimously approved.

It was noted the awardees would be announced and recognized at the next Board of Regents meeting on May 17.

ACTION ITEMS

3. Academic Program Approvals

(a) New Programs

Licensure and Accreditation:

- Elementary M.A.T. with Special Education Certificate Option, Phase 1 – *Western CSU*
 - Moved by Naomi Cohen; seconded by Nick Donofrio
 - Discussion*
 - Unanimously approved

*Provost Jane Gates and Dr. Bonnie Rabe explained program and history, including prior resolutions and approvals of secondary education program and withdrawal of elementary portion. Materials describing timeline, summary and detailed program substantiation were distributed and questions addressed.

- A.A.S. Degree Program in General Automotive Technology – Gateway CC
 - Motion for approval by Nick Donofrio; seconded by Mike Fraser
 - Discussion*
 - Unanimously approved

*Dean Mark Kosinski introduced Paul Silberquit and Wayne Demske who provided background and description of program that is similar to the corporate programs now being offered, noting the strong faculty and equipment already built over the years. They addressed questions noting A.A.S. will provide pathway to Bachelor's degree in addition to providing more course to career opportunities. Program will maintain national standards.

- B.S. in Mathematics-Physics – University of CT
- B.S. in Geography – University of CT
- S.J. D. – Doctor of Science of Law – University of CT – Accreditation only
 - Motion for approval for all three UConn programs by Nick Donofrio; seconded by Naomi Cohen
 - Discussion*
 - Unanimously approved

*Braden Hosch provided a short synopsis and background for each noting all three were approved at ACA the day before with no questions.

(b) Program Modifications

Curriculum and Program Title Changes

- Modification of A.S. in Management to A.S. in Business Administration – Quinebaug Valley CC
 - Moved by Nick Donofrio; seconded by Mike Fraser
 - Discussion*
 - Unanimously approved

*Dean Amy DeSonia provided background noting change would assist students transferring and be less prescriptive. They will discontinue the A.S. in Management and instead develop options under this umbrella.

- Modification of B.S. in Library Information Service to B.S. in Information Management and Service – Southern CSU
 - Moved by Naomi Cohen; seconded by Nick Donofrio
 - Discussion*
 - Unanimously approved

*Braden Hosch noted program change brings curriculum up-to-date. In general, library science moving into information management services.

- PhD/M.S. Degree Programs in Molecular & Cell Biology – University of CT
 - Moved by Nick Donofrio; seconded by Mike Fraser
 - Discussion*
 - Unanimously approved

*Braden Hosch noted program approved at ACA. Program originally had different degrees now put under one umbrella.

Offering Program at Location other than Main Campus

- Modification of Comprehensive Special Ed PK-12 Teacher Certification to be offered at East Lyme, CT – Southern CSU
 - Moved by Naomi Cohen; seconded by Nick Donofrio
 - Discussion*
 - Unanimously approved

*It was noted program is now to also be offered at an off-site location in East Lyme. This type of modification is required by NEASC.

INFORMATION ITEMS

4. Program Modifications Not Requiring BOR Action

- a) Photography Option within A.S. in Fine Art Program – Northwestern CT CC
- b) Digital Media Option with A.S. in Fine Art Program – Northwestern CT CC

Dean Patricia Bouffard described non-substantive program options under Northwestern's well-established Fine Arts Degree, effectively establishing concentrations. The items are less than 15 credits and "below threshold".

5. Statement of Athletic Philosophy

Dr. Nunez provided background for the submission of the Athletic Philosophy Statement. NCAA guidelines require that every five years during review process, the governing board need only be informed of athletic philosophy. It was noted other universities 5th year assessments will be triggered at different times and that there may be different requirements as some also belong to different divisions.

Board members requested to see the present documents in place for each institution. Dr. Hosch will have his staff collect statements and provide to committee members for review.

6. Discussion Items

- a) CT Early Childhood Education Teaching Credential Initiative
Deborah Adams and Harriet Feldlaufer of the CT Department of Education provided a presentation about development of early childhood education programs under PA 11-54, noting Chair Merle Harris' involvement and leadership in the initiative. This issue is now in the forefront and getting national recognition, noting Early Childhood Education needs a stable workforce. A report on the status of current legislation was distributed and included an overview of the working group, establishment of an early childhood cabinet, and a pilot program to re-design early childhood curricula. This pilot program was conducted in 2011-12 at several institutions, including Charter Oak State College, Gateway Community College, Housatonic Community College, Tunxis Community College, and the University of Connecticut. The institutions primarily modified course assignments and key assessments to delineate more clearly the teacher preparation standards of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). All 12 community colleges are expected to participate and they are in talks with state universities. A meeting between the Dept. of Education and the BOR staff would be scheduled soon to discuss if further BOR action was required beyond the information provided here.
- b) Legislative Update
SB40 not yet passed. If it passes, there will be a several needs including preparing a pilot, doing assessments and other remediation.
Naomi Cohen asked about GEAR-UP program. GEAR-UP is a federal grant program for at risk student to finish high school with preparation for college. Proposals are being prepared including program development. Work plan is due May 18; funding begins July 1. Our institutions involved are Manchester Community College, Naugatuck Valley Community College and Southern CT State University. Dr. Levinson mentioned that there was a substantial need for high schools and college readiness and hoped cities and towns would be part of the solution. It was mentioned SB40 would need compatibility with GEAR-UP program.

Braden Hosch announced that he would be serving as the interim academic affairs director while a search for a permanent director was implemented.

7. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Naomi Cohen, seconded by Mike Fraser, unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.