



# CT BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

## ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Meeting – June 3, 2016  
9:30 a.m.– 61 Woodland Street, Hartford

### MINUTES

- Regents Present: Merle Harris, Stephen Adair, Naomi Cohen (by conf.), Lawrence DeNardis (by conf.)
- Regents Absent: Holly Palmer, Catherine Smith
- Staff Present: Estela Lopez, Elsa Nunez, Jason Ebbeling, Bill Gammell, Jan Kiehne, Maureen McClay, Ernestine Weaver
- Other Attendees: Michael Alfano (CCSU), Carmen Cid (ECSU), Ilene Crawford (SCSU), Russ Gladstone (WCSU), Michele Howard-Swan (ACC), Jerry Ice (TRCC), Carl Lovitt (CCSU), William Lugo (ECSU), Joan Nicoll-Seaft (CCSU), Dimitrios Pachis (ECSU), Nicholas Parsons (ECSU), Eileen Peltier (ACC), Ron Picard (NVCC), Ryan Pierson (CCC), Theresa Severanie (ECSU), Mike Stefanowicz (ACC)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Harris at 9:33 a.m.

1. Approval of Minutes – April 29, 2016. **On a motion by L. DeNardis, seconded by N. Cohen, the minutes were unanimously approved.**

Chair Harris announced a change in the order of agenda items to accommodate schedules. Item 4.c. and d. would be considered first.

4. c. Sexual Misconduct Policy Amendment
  4. d. Student Code of Conduct Policy Amendment  
Chair Harris introduced Ernestine Weaver and mentioned the change in legislation necessitating the revision. Attorney Weaver provided more background, noting the legislation was PA 16-106. The revision incorporates the required changes in addition to language needed for mandated reporters. She reviewed each document and explained changes. **There was a motion to approve revisions in both documents by N. Cohen, seconded by L. DeNardis.** There were a few questions with Ms. Weaver providing clarification. **The vote was taken and unanimously approved.**
2. Consent Items. **On a motion by N. Cohen, seconded by L. DeNardis, Consent Items were unanimously approved.** Consent items approved were:
    - a. Terminations
      - i. Health Careers Pathway – Certificate (C2) - TRCC
      - ii. Early Childhood Education – Certificate – QVCC

- iii. Advertising/Public Relations – Certificate – TRCC
- iv. Laser/Fiber Optics Engineering Technology – AS – TRCC

3. Presentation on Integrated Library System. Chair Harris introduced Provost Lopez, mentioning the benefits of an integrated library system. Provost Lopez provided preliminary remarks on the project and introduced the new Director of the project, Veronica Kenausis, also Library Director at Western CSU. Ms. Kenausis named the other members of the implementation team and delivered a Powerpoint presentation. Regents complimented the project. Comments and questions included books and materials for the blind, online access to e-journals, and licensing requirements.

4. Action Items

a. Modifications

- i. Master of Arts in Teaching – CCSU. Dr. Lopez provided preliminary remarks and introduced Provost Lovitt and colleagues from Central. Dr. Lovitt introduced Dean Michael Alfano and Joan Nicoll-Seaft. They described the modification, redesign of courses and two primary areas. **A motion to approve was made by N. Cohen and seconded by L. DeNardis.** Questions were addressed. **The vote was taken and unanimously approved.**
- ii. Liberal Arts and Sciences – AA – NVCC. **A motion to approve was made by L. DeNardis, seconded by N. Cohen.** Dr. Lopez gave a brief overview and introduced Associate Dean Ron Picard. Dean Picard remarked that modification approval is required to begin offering the program at the Danbury campus. There were a few questions. Dean Picard noted the NEASC accreditation of the Danbury campus and observed that the program was TAP compliant, with a Gen Ed Framework. **The vote was unanimously approved.**
- iii. Electrical Engineering Technology – AS – TRCC. **A motion was made by L. DeNardis, seconded by N. Cohen.** Dr. Lopez introduced Dean Jerry Ice, Interim Dean at Three Rivers. She noted the modification was basically a name change. Dean Ice offered further comments explaining the combining of two separate programs into one with a new title. Questions were addressed. **The vote was taken and unanimously approved.**
- iv. Psychology – BS – SCSU. Dr. Lopez introduced Asso.Vice President Ilene Crawford and provided an overview. Dr. Crawford provided details on the modification noting it was mainly a name change. There were some questions and discussion. **On a motion by N. Cohen, seconded by L. DeNardis, the vote was taken and unanimously approved.**
- v. Psychology Minor – SCSU. Dr. Crawford noted the reasons for the distinction between the general Psychology program and the minor. **A motion to approve was made by N. Cohen, seconded by L. DeNardis. The vote was unanimous approval.**

b. New Programs

- i. Criminology – BA – ECSU. Provost Lopez provided preliminary remarks noting the background work done by Eastern and introduced Dr.Pachis and

the team from Eastern. **A motion to approve was made by L. DeNardis, seconded by N. Cohen.** Provost Pachis provided details remarking on the market study and strong demand, and the innovative aspects of the program. Of particular note was the assessment component. The Regents noted the good job in researching the program. **The vote was taken and unanimously approved.**

- ii. Registered Medical Assistant – Certificate – Asnuntuck CC. Dr. Lopez presented Dean Michael Stefanowicz and colleagues from Asnuntuck and provided introductory remarks noting the program was moving from the non-credit side. **A motion to approve was made by N. Cohen, seconded by L. DeNardis.** Dean Stefanowicz emphasized again the long-established non-credit program, noting the move to credit will give students financial aid and address the high demand. **The vote was taken and unanimously approved.**

#### 5. Information Items

- a. NEASC Accreditation – Asnuntuck CC. Regent Harris remarked on the fine report. Dr. Lopez mentioned the areas of emphasis, including diversification. Dean Stefanowicz first noted that President Lombella sent his regrets (he was presenting at a conference out of state). He stated they were pleased with the visit and the report that they were already working on information provided on initiatives to address. Regent Harris mentioned the commendation on graduation rates.
- b. Report on Program Actions. Regent Harris commented that this report was in response to the Committee's request for this annual information. Provost Lopez thanked Arthur Poole for preparing the report and provided some details and highlights.
- c. Presentation – CSCU Employment & Wage Outcomes. Jan Kiehne provided a Powerpoint presentation and details. Questions and discussion ensued.

6. Other business. Dr. Lopez gave remarks regarding her experience the last year and a half as provost, providing comments and thanks to each of her staff members. Chair Harris also gave their thanks noting the Board's deep appreciation. Regent Cohen added comments of praise and thanks, with Regent DeNardis also noting a marvelous job.

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 11:32 a.m.