



CT BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Meeting – June 3, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.
Conducted via Remote Participation

MINUTES

- Regents Present: Ira Bloom, Holly Howery, Richard Porth
- Ex-Officio BOR Members: Professor Colena Sesanker, Dr. Manisha Juthani, Commissioner, CT Dept. of Public Health
- Regents Absent: Vice Chair JoAnn Ryan, Aviva Budd, Brandon Iovene (ex officio), and Julia Noriega (ex officio)
- Staff Present: Pamela Heleen, Kenneth Klucznik, Alice Pritchard, Francine Rosselli-Navarra, Noreen Wilson
- Other Attendees: Donna Bontatibus (MxCC), Garrett Dancik (ECSU), Marsha Davis, Saaid Elhadad (CCC), Amy Feest (CSCC), Angela Fierro (TCC), Dawn Gorack, Katy Kleis (MCC), Kimberly Kostelis (CCSU), William Salka (ECSU), Fatma Salman (MCC), Michael Stefanowicz (CSCC), Jay Whitaker

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m. by Chair Ira Bloom.

An official roll call of the BOR Academic and Student Affairs Committee members was taken and a quorum was declared.

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. May 6, 2022
Chair Bloom asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2022, BOR ASA Committee meeting. On a motion by R. Porth and second by H. Howery, a vote was taken, and the minutes were approved unanimously.
2. Consent Items
 - a. Discontinuations
 - i. Gerontology – Official Certificate Program – Central CT State University
 - ii. Early Childhood Teaching Credential – Eastern CT State University

Chair Bloom asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda. On a motion by R. Porth and second by H. Howery, a vote was taken, and the consent agenda was approved unanimously.

3. Action Items

a. Modifications

i. Criminal Justice – AS – Manchester CC

Dr. Fatma Salman, Interim Dean of Academic Affairs, and Katy Kleis, Professor of Criminal Justice, at Manchester Community College, presented. They reported that the modifications align the program to the CT State Community College program to help ensure a smooth transition for students who begin their studies at Manchester Community College and complete at CT State Community College.

Chair Bloom asked for a motion to approve this modification. On a motion by R. Porth and second by H. Howery, a vote was taken, and the modifications were approved unanimously.

b. New Programs

i. Applied Data Science – Master of Science – Eastern CT State University

Dr. Bill Salka, Provost, Dr. Garrett Dancik, Professor of Computer Science, and Dr. Marsha Davis, Professor and Department Chair of Mathematical Sciences at Eastern Connecticut State University, presented. The presentation focused on the increased demand, both from employers and students, for the master's degree in Data Science. It also emphasized the differences from the existing CSCU programs and noted consistent enrollment growth in other programs. The program intends to pursue a 4+1 baccalaureate to master's to accelerate students moving from the Data Science baccalaureate to the master's degree. Committee members expressed support for the program. Chair Bloom asked about marketing of the program and Provost Salka responded that a plan was in place to market the program for beginning spring 2023 enrollment.

Chair Bloom asked for a motion to approve this new program. On a motion by H. Howery and second by R. Porth, a vote was taken, and the new program was approved unanimously.

ii. Paralegal – AS – Tunxis CC

Professor Angela Fierro presented and noted that the program is fully aligned to the CT State Community College program. Currently, students interested in completing the TXCC Paralegal certificate and who want to complete an associate degree typically choose General Studies. This program offers the opportunity for an associate degree in the field. In response to a question from the committee members, Professor Fierro replied that there are currently three other programs at the community colleges, at Manchester, Norwalk, and Naugatuck Valley Community Colleges and that all these programs have worked together to align the curriculum. To a question about employability of graduates, Professor Fierro responded that there is high demand in the field. The committee commended Professor Fierro on the collaboration among colleges.

Chair Bloom asked for a motion to approve this new program. On a motion by R. Porth and second by H. Howery, a vote was taken, and the new program was approved unanimously.

c. CSU Promotions and Tenures

i. Eastern CT State University

Regent Bloom asked for a motion to approve the requested promotion and tenure request from Eastern CT State University. On a motion from H. Howery and second by R. Porth, a vote was taken, and the motion was passed unanimously.

- d. Faculty Research Grants
 - i. Central CT State University
 - ii. Eastern CT State University
 - iii. Western CT State University

Dr. Ken Klucznik confirmed that these lists updated and corrected the lists that were presented at the May 6, 2022 Academic and Student Affairs Committee.

Regent Bloom asked for a motion to approve the updated lists. On a motion from H. Howery and a second from R. Porth, a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

- e. Community College Emeritus
 - i. Middlesex Community College
 - ii. Tunxis Community College

Regent Bloom asked for a motion to approve the emeritus requests from Middlesex and Tunxis Community Colleges. On a motion from H. Howery and a second from R. Porth, a vote was taken, and the motion was approved unanimously.

- f. Refugee Policy for BOR Committee Review

Dr. Alice Pritchard, Chief of Staff, presented. The Faculty Advisory Committee proposed the idea for this policy recommendation. Dr. Pritchard worked with campus and system leaders to develop the specific language of the policy which asks CSCU to partner with the CT Department of Social Services and their resettlement agencies. The committee members asked questions about the transfer of credits from abroad and urged the colleges to work together to ensure consistency in how credits transfer.

Chair Bloom asked for an amendment to the resolution clarifying that there be an annual update to the board, the amendment to read, “Resolved, that beginning in October 2022, an annual update be provided to the Academic and Student Affairs Committee and to the Finance and Infrastructure Committee.

Chair Bloom asked for a motion to approve the amendment to the resolution. On a motion from R. Porth and a second by H. Howery, a vote was taken on the motion to amend the resolution and the motion passed unanimously.

Chair Bloom then asked for a motion to approve the amended resolution. On a motion from R. Porth and a second by H. Howery, a vote was taken, and the amended motion was approved unanimously.

Due to a technology issue, Chair Bloom reversed the order of the next two agenda items.

- g. CT State Community College Aligned Curriculum

Dr. Ken Klucznik introduced the item and Dr. Fran Rosselli. Dr. Klucznik stated that this set constituted the remaining programs that needed to be aligned for CT State Community College and congratulated the many faculty who worked tirelessly to complete the work. He asked that special recognition go to Dr. Fran Rosselli for her success in leading the work.

Dr. Rosselli described the task and the work. The work started with just under 1000 degrees and certificates and approximately 4500 courses across 12 campuses. Those numbers included many degrees with the same name but different requirements and many courses with the same name and number but different pre-requisites, learning outcomes, contact hours, etc. The alignment work addressed these disparities. The first CT State catalog will include 300 degrees and certificates and just over 1700 courses. She recognizes that the work is not done and that the curriculum will need further attention and refinement in the year ahead. Now that the bulk of the work is done and the substantive change request for CT State accepted, she hopes that this additional curriculum work can be accomplished in a renewed spirit of collaboration.

Dr. Rosselli asked for acknowledgment of and thanks to the hundreds of community college faculty who devoted their time and energy to aligning their curriculum. The dedication of these faculty to their programs and their students is truly inspiring. Dr. Rosselli acknowledged CSCU and CT State leadership and administration, as well as members of the Board, especially this committee, for their support. She singled out the Aligned Program Review Committee (APRC) and the Alignment Managers as the transitional curriculum committee that reviewed each one of the 300 degrees and certificates and 1700+ courses. Members of this committee were also responsible for coordinating the endorsement process at their local campuses. Over the last two years, 23 full-time faculty and staff served on this committee. In the last year alone, this committee met 20 times and devoted over 4000 combined hours to curriculum review. A small team of faculty volunteers supported the Curriculum Alignment Managers:

- Sue Barzottini
- Kim Sorrentino
- Jayne Pearson
- Marcia Bryant
- Nancy LaRoche-Shovak
- Diane Clokey
- Amy Feest

The managers helped faculty to complete their proposals, answered countless questions, and assisted with outreach to colleagues for feedback on proposals. They also finalized documents for APRC review, compiled comments, and questions from APRC as well as from the campus endorsement periods and reviewed these comments and questions with faculty.

In addition, CT State owes Mike Stefanowicz and Pat Bouffard a huge debt for taking on this challenge.

The members of the committee each offered their appreciation to Dr. Rosselli and the rest of the alignment team, as well as to the faculty who completed the alignment work.

Chair Bloom asked for a motion to approve this set of aligned curriculum for CT State Community College. On a motion by R. Porth and second by H. Howery, a vote was taken, and the motion was approved unanimously.

h. CT State Community Colleges Areas of Study Policy Update

Assoc. VP for Programs and Curriculum Amy Feest stated the amendment removes the specific “Areas of Study” from the existing policy and delegates the identification of those areas to CT State. The committee asked for a friendly amendment to the resolution that the annual report on the Areas of Study policy be provided at the June 2023 ASA meeting and each year following. The amendment was accepted with no need for a vote.

Chair Bloom asked for a motion on the amended resolution. On a motion by R. Porth and second by H. Howery, a vote was taken and the motion was passed unanimously.

4. Informational Items

a. CSU Emeriti

- i. Southern CT State University (4) – *Page 334*

b. Community College Promotion and Tenure

- i. Asnuntuck Community College – *Page 338*
- ii. Capital Community College – *Page 339*
- iii. Housatonic Valley Community College – *Page 340*
- iv. Middlesex Community College – *Page 342*
- v. Naugatuck Valley Community College – *Page 343*
- vi. Northwestern Community College – *Page 347*
- vii. Quinebaug Valley Community College – *Page 348*
- viii. Three Rivers Community College – *Page 349*
- ix. Tunxis Community College – *Page 350*

c. ACME Report and Update

Assoc. VP Michael Stefanowicz provided an update on the ongoing work to implement the Alignment and Completion of Mathematics and English (ACME) policy. The window for full implementation of the policy extends to fall 2025, but faculty have been working to plan for that implementation in the fall of 2023. M. Stefanowicz provided details about the work and answered questions from the committee members.

d. Below Threshold

- i. Gerontology – Certificate Program – Central CT State University [New Academic Offering] – *Page 361*
- ii. Disaster Mental Health – Graduate Certificate – Southern CT State University [New Academic Offering] – *Page 364*
- iii. Political Economy – Minor – Southern CT State University [New Academic Offering] – *Page 368*
- iv. CT State Below Threshold Program Modifications Spring 2022 – *Page 371*

Chair Bloom called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion by H. Howery and second by R. Porth, a vote was taken and the motion to adjourn was passed unanimously at 10:43 am.