



CT BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Meeting August 1, 2014

9:30 a.m. – 61 Woodland Street, Hartford

MINUTES

- Regents Present: Merle Harris, Craig Lappen, Stephen Adair (by conf), Eugene Bell (by conf), Naomi Cohen (by conf), Lawrence DeNardis (by conf),
- Regents Absent: Catherine Smith
- Staff Present: Michael Gargano, Elsa Nunez, Jen Brown, Liz Caswell, Corby Coperthwaite, Tom Clark, Maureen McClay, Nancy Melnicsak, Linda Perfetto, Arthur Poole, Ernestine Weaver, Jane Williams, Karen Wosczyzna-Birch
- Other Attendees: Shirley Adams (COSC), Jess House (WCSU), Katie Kelley (ACC), Marianne Kennedy (SCSU), Yi-Chun Tricia Lin (SCSU), James Lombella (ACC), Steve Minkler (MxCC), Sandra Palmer (MCC), Greg Paveza (SCSU), Susan Pease-by conf.(CCSU), Lester Primus (CCC), Bonnie Lee Rabe (WCSU), Irene Rios-Knauf (NVCC), Todd Rofuth (SCSU), Michael Rooke (TXCC), Anna Wasescha (MxCC)

Chair Merle Harris called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

1. Minutes of June 6, 2014 – **A motion to approve was made by C. Lappen, seconded by E.Bell and unanimously approved.**
2. New Policies
 - a. Academic Program Review Policy. **A motion to approve made by C. Lappen, seconded by L. DeNardis.** Dr. Gargano provided the background noting the policy was vetted through the Academic Council of the 17 institutions, and then the presidents. He described the requirements for the review of programs every seven years and that findings requiring revision will be brought to the Committee, . **The vote was taken and unanimously approved.**
 - b. Normalize Associate and Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hours. **A motion to approve by C. Lappen, seconded by L. DeNardis.** Dr. Gargano provided background on the policy including its companion relationship with the Academic Program Review Policy. Dr. Gargano also informed the Academic & Student Affairs Committee of a request to postpone action on the policy. Discussion followed including Dr. Nunez speaking on behalf of President Levinson noting the concerns on campus about timing during the summer and the need for more time. Regent DeNardis noted that the proposed policy was very important and the need to not have it derailed. **Regent Cohen moved to table the vote to the October meeting, Regent DeNardis seconded it and it was unanimously approved.**
3. Termination of Existing Academic Programs

- a. Technology Studies: Computer-Aided Design Option-Tunxis CC – Dr. Gargano informed the Committee that the item had been withdrawn.
4. Modifications of Programs
 - a. Machine Technology Level 1 Certificate – Naugatuck Valley CC. Dr. Gargano introduced the item noting the name change to Fundamentals of Machine Technology. Dr. Peter Angelastro of NVCC gave further background. **A motion to approve was made by N. Cohen, seconded by C. Lappen and unanimously approved.**
 - b. Master of Social Work and Master of Arts in Women’s Studies – Southern CSU. Dr. Gargano presented the item and noted a revised resolution with more clarity of language. Dr. Marianne Kennedy introduced the team from SCSU – Dr. Todd Rofuth, Dr. Greg Paveza and Dr. Tricia Lin, and presented the background of the dual degree option. Dr. Lin added further information, also noting they had surveyed students and expected about 20 to choose the option. **Regent Cohen moved to approve the program as amended, Regent DeNardis seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.**
 - c. Psychology – BA – Central CSU. Dr. Gargano presented the modification to change the name to Psychological Science and introduced Dr. Susan Pease of CCSU. Dr. Pease offered further explanation. **There was a motion to approve by C. Lappen, seconded by N. Cohen and unanimously approved.**
 5. New Programs
 - a. Partnership for Preparation of Elementary Educators (P2E2) – BS – Western CSU. **A motion to approve was made by C. Lappen, seconded by L. DeNardis.** Dr. Gargano introduced the program noting it was interdisciplinary and the institution’s extensive research. Dean House of WCSU added background. Dr. Rabe of WCSU offered further comments noting the year-long internship. **The vote was taken and unanimously approved.**
 6. Institutional Accreditation
 - a. Middlesex Community College. **A motion to approve the resolution was made by N. Cohen, seconded by C. Lappen.** President Wasescha described the NEASC method and visit. She talked about the final report noting the four areas for improvement and plans for addressing them. Regent Harris thanked President Wasescha and congratulated her on the report, mentioning several of the notable accomplishments identified. **The vote was taken and unanimously approved.**
 7. Information items
 - a. Notification of upcoming scheduled reports of Centers and Institutes. Dr. Gargano noted the upcoming reports planned for the October meeting.
 - b. New Office of Sponsored Programs. Dr. Gargano spoke about the new Office of Sponsored Programs to seek and manage grants.
 8. Updates/Discussions
 - a. Report on Student Code of Conduct and Sexual Misconduct Policy. Chair Harris spoke about the policy, noting the recent news and legislation and thanking Ernestine Weaver and Tom Clark for keeping our system on top of it. Ms. Weaver then provided an update, giving an overview and noting responsibilities of the system office and the 17 campuses. She remarked on upcoming training and the processes at the campuses. Regent Cohen asked about a timeline and timeframes for requirements. Ms. Weaver noted all campuses had been given that information and that it would be sent again. There were other questions regarding training and

resources available and the need for presidents to report back on their own campuses. Dr. Nunez added it should be discussed at Presidents' Council with reports submitted to Dr. Gray. There was further discussion on motivating students to utilize the resources provided.

Dr. Gargano gave an additional update on the TAP program and announced that two new co-managers have been appointed to guide the program for the coming year – Dr. Candace Barrington, a faculty member from Central CSU and Dr. Kenneth Klucznik, a faculty member from Manchester CC.

There was no other business. **A motion to adjourn was made by N. Cohen, seconded by C. Lappen and unanimously approved.**

The meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.