



CT BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Meeting September 5, 2014
9:30 a.m. – 61 Woodland Street, Hartford

MINUTES

- Regents Present: Merle Harris, Stephen Adair, Eugene Bell (by conf), Naomi Cohen, Lawrence DeNardis (by conf),
- Regents Absent: Craig Lappen, Catherine Smith
- Staff Present: Michael Gargano, Candace Barrington, Corby Coperthwaite, William Gammell, Ken Klucznik, Maureen McClay, Jan Kiehne, Nancy Melnicsak,
- Other Attendees: Rebecca Adams (HCC), Carol Brutza (GCC), Robert Costanzo (GCC), Rhona Free (ECSU), Ray Hughes (CCC), Theresa Jeffries (GCC), Mark Kosinski (GCC), Barbara McCarthy (ACC), Pamela Mitchell (MCC), Elizabeth Roop (HCC), James Schmotter (WCSU), Geoff Sheehan (HCC), Shirley Zajdel (HCC)

Chair Merle Harris called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

1. Minutes of August 1, 2014 – **A motion to approve was made by N. Cohen, seconded by E. Bell and unanimously approved.**
2. Termination of Existing Academic Programs
 - a. Electrical Certificate – Gateway CC. Dr. Gargano explained the request for discontinuation. **A motion to approve made by N. Cohen, seconded by E. Bell and unanimously approved.** Chair Harris mentioned that future meetings could include this type of action under Consent.
3. Modifications of Programs
 - a. Liberal Arts-Fine Arts Option-A.A. – Asnuntuck CC. **There was a motion to approve by N. Cohen, seconded by E. Bell.** Dr. Gargano described the program modification and introduced Dean Barbara McCarthy who provided further details. She indicated that the program exceeded 60 credits because of the Freshman Year Experience Course and the credit numbers will be reviewed. **The motion was unanimously approved.**
4. New Programs
 - a. Theater Arts Performance Track Certificate – Housatonic CC. **A motion to approve was made by N. Cohen, seconded by L. DeNardis.** Dr. Gargano introduced the program providing a general description. Prof. Geoff Sheehan gave more details. There were questions regarding the number of expected enrolled students. Enrollment will be monitored. In addition, HCC was advised to consider whether accreditation standards allow for past students to earn the certificate if they were enrolled in the

theater program, earned the required credits but did not complete the program. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

- b. Medical Assisting-A.S. – Housatonic CC. **A motion to approve made by N. Cohen, seconded by L. DeNardis.** Dr. Gargano introduced the program noting the high demand and need and pointing out the funding plan. There was a general question about examining programs that don't reach enrollment projections. Dr. Gargano mentioned that the October meeting would include a report on all the programs approved last year. He added that they were also working with the Academic Council to present better financial information to the BOR in the proposals and, finally, that the new Academic Program Review Policy will address it ongoing. **The motion was voted and unanimously approved.**
- c. Automotive Technology-General Motors Certificate – Gateway CC. A motion to approve by N. Cohen, seconded by L. DeNardis. Dr. Gargano introduced the proposal noting the public private partnership. Dean Kosinski addressed questions providing further detail. Regent Cohen requested an amendment to the resolution adding a "resolved" that noted the General Motors request for the program. **The amended resolution was moved by Cohen, seconded by DeNardis and unanimously approved.**
- d. Interdisciplinary Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution Certificate – Gateway CC. A motion was made by N. Cohen, seconded by L. DeNardis. Dr. Gargano introduced the proposal with Profs. Carol Brutza and Theresa Jeffries describing details. There was full discussion with Regent DeNardis mentioning the difficult business of conflict resolution and asking about the objective of the course. Dean Kosinski and Prof. Brutza provided further details noting the program addressed need in the New Haven community, the interdisciplinary nature, and the cooperation with agencies within the community. Further discussion ensued with questions and comments regarding the title of the program and additional discussion on enrollment projections. Comments noted general favorability but concerns. Dr. Gargano suggested action be deferred to more fully address points raised. **N. Cohen moved to table the motion, E. Bell seconded and it was unanimously approved.**

5. Institutional Accreditation

- a. Western Connecticut State University. **A motion to approve made by N. Cohen, seconded by E. Bell.** Dr. Gargano introduced noting the NEASC report was extremely complimentary of WCSU. President Schmotter offered further comments, remarking they were proud of the outcome but also noting the process itself was very helpful and the items they are continuing to work on and address. He provided details. Chair Harris observed the report was excellent and noted the many areas of commendation. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

6. Promotion and Tenure Recommendation

- a. Central CT State University. There was discussion regarding the timing and need of an approval. Dr. Gargano would ask for clarification from the institution. No action was taken.

7. Updates/Discussions

- a. Transfer and Articulation. Dr. Gargano introduced Dr. Candace Barrington and Dr. Ken Klucznik, the new co-Managers of the program, mentioning their beginning work and the importance of having faculty lead the initiative. Drs. Barrington and Klucznik discussed their initial efforts emphasizing the need to establish a process, involve

stakeholders, and communication with all parties. There were a few questions and further discussion with the suggestion to touch base with the former TAP Coordinating Council. A further update would be provided at the October meeting.

- b. Termination of Low Enrollment/Low Complete Programs. Dr. Gargano noted that terminations would be looked at as part of the academic review on the campuses.

Other business. Chair Harris mentioned the recent issue of probation at Southern CSU. Dr. Gargano noted they will be addressing the general issue – discussing at Academic Council and looking at assessments and end results. There was further discussion and Dr. Gargano mentioned the Academic Review that is due in December will provide a three-year schedule for each institution. It was also noted that SCSU will be at the October 5 meeting to provide an update.

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:41 a.m.