



CT BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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

MINUTES

Regents Present: Chair Ira Bloom, Holly Howery, Juanita James, James McCarthy, Richard Porth

Ex-Officio BOR Members: Professor Colena Sesanker

Regents Absent:

Staff Present: Kaylah Davis, Pam Heleen, Rai Kathuria, Kenneth Klucznik, Francine Rosselli-Navarra, and Noreen Wilson

Other Attendees: Beth Merenstein (CCSU), Timothy St. James (ACC), Michele Howard-Swan (ACC), Bill Salka (ECSU), Suzanne Passini (TCC), Manohar Singh (SCSU), Jacqueline Swanson, Sheldon Watson (CCSU), Donald DeFronzo (CCSU), Kim Kostelis (CCSU), H. Justin Moore (CT State), George Peffer (NCC), Antonio Santiago (NVCC), and Theresa Foley (ACC)

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 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. June 3, 2022

Chair Bloom asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2022, BOR ASA Committee meeting. On a motion Regent H. Howery and second by Regent R. Porth, a vote was taken, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

2. Consent Items

a. Discontinuations

i. Early Childhood Teaching Credential – ECSU

ii. Web Technology – Certificate – MCC

Chair Bloom asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda. On a

motion by Regent J. McCarthy and second by Regent H. Howery, a vote was taken, and the consent agenda was approved unanimously.

3. Action Items

a. Continued Accreditation of a Program

i. Massage Therapy AS Asnuntuck CC

Dr. Timothy St. James, Interim Dean of Academic and Student Affairs, Michele Howard-Swan, Allied Health Program Coordinator, and Sue Passini, Director of Workforce Development and Non-Credit Programs presented. They were seeking continued accreditation of the Massage Therapy Associate Degree Program at Asnuntuck Community College. They reported that this program had been impacted by COVID-19 as this program involves an in person and hands-on approach. Now that the college is back to in person operations, the enrollment numbers in this program have increased to 19 students and 11.4 FTE.

Regent H. Howery inquired about the sustainability of the programs increase in enrollment. The presenters confirmed that due to marketing efforts, there are many students who are returning to the program, as well as new students. In addition, students are highly sought after for employment upon completion of program. The presenters added that the program includes a clinical aspect that provides additional revenue from the public coming to the institution for massage (approx.\$24,000 last summer).

Chair Bloom asked for a motion to approve this continuation with the amendment that it is approved through Fall 2024. At that time, the program will provide updates on enrollment and seek continued accreditation.

Chair Bloom asked for a motion to approve this continuation and amendment. On a motion by Regent H. Howery and second by Regent J. McCarthy, a vote was taken and the continued accreditation was approved unanimously.

b. State University Centers and Institutes

i. Continuation and Name Change of a Center/Institute – Center for Public Policy and Social Research CCSU

Provost Kimberly Kostelis, Dr. Beth Merenstein, Associate Vice President for Community Engagement and Experiential Learning, Executive Director for Public Policy and Social Research, and Dr. Donald DeFronzo Chairholder of the Governor William A. O'Neill Endowed Chair in Public Policy and Practical Politics at CCSU presented. The Center has requested the name change to better match the Center's expanded and updated mission. The mission modification highlights the need for more emphasis on community engagement and to provide educational opportunities and experiences. The Center currently is looking to build on past success and provide educational experiences.

Regent J. James inquired about the additional initiatives needed to take place to provide community engagement experiences. The presenters added that students at each level work within the community by taking part in meetings and varying events, public outreach, response, recommendations, and reports of ongoing projects. Regent J. James suggested that the Center works with the Community Foundation Board of New Britain, as they work closely on a large variety of community-based issues.

Chair Bloom inquired about the impact of Town Clerk(s) in that Clerks have become more prominent and now hold more responsibilities and the navigation

of potential controversial aspects. Presenters stated that they have a long-standing positive relationship with the Clerks. The demands on the Clerks have expanded and have gone beyond what the Center can provide. The Clerks have negotiated with the Office of Continuing Education to obtain expanded assistance; the Center will provide any support as needed. Chair Bloom inquired about the potential financial impact this transition may have.

Presenters confirmed that there is a neutral financial impact.

Regent R. Porth added that he has seen the Center's benefit, as well as the research and support it has provided for local government and non-profits. Chair Bloom added that this Center is important to assist students with the understanding of government functionality in a fair and equal manner.

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

c. Community College Emeritus

i. Tunxis Community College

Chair Bloom asked for a motion to approve the emeritus request. On motion by Regent J. McCarthy and second by Regent R. Porth, a vote was taken, and the motion was approved unanimously.

ii. Naugatuck Valley Community College

Request to waive requirement for years of service as allowed under the collective bargaining agreement. Presenters were absent. Decision will be postponed until next meeting to ask and answer questions regarding waiver request.

Chair Bloom asked for a motion to postpone to the next meeting. On motion by Regent J. James and second by Regent R. Porth, a vote was taken, and the postponement was approved unanimously.

d. CSU Promotions and Tenures

i. Eastern CT State University

Chair Bloom asked for a motion to approve the promotion and tenure request from Central CT State University. On a motion from Regent H. Howery, and second by Regent J. McCarthy, a vote was taken, and the motion was approved unanimously.

4. Informational Items

a. CSU Emeriti

i. Eastern CT State University

ii. Southern CT State University

b. Community College Promotion and Tenure

iii. Gateway Community College

c. Below Threshold

i. Database Management – Certificate – Central CT State University – Below Threshold [New Academic Program]

ii. Concentration added to B.S. Management Information Systems to Master of Business Administration accelerated pathway – Central CT State University – Below Threshold [New Academic Program]

d. CSCU Common Academic Calendar: 2023/2024 to 2027/2028

Jacqueline Swanson presented. Stated that a committee meets and comes to agreement on calendars. This calendar is set up for the next 5 years.

e. Pockets of Excellence

i. Southern CT State University Graduate Programs

Dr. Manohar Singh, Dean of School of Graduate and Professional Studies presented the approach and success within the SCSU Graduate Programs. SCSU's success has come from their pursuit of excellence in serving stakeholders through an innovative social justice approach which promotes accessibility, inclusivity, equity, and academic excellence. Dean Singh shared a presentation showing data of FTE from 2013-2023, and growth of the incoming class size from 2018-2022. The results showed that in Spring 2022, SCSU had the largest graduate student population within the system. International student enrollment is a strength within the program as well.

Regent J. James inquired about long-term impact and sustainability of domestic students. Dean Singh confirmed that he will share his data and that most graduate applicants are CT residents, to which there is an intention to expand access and enrollment.

Regent J. McCarthy stated that he would like to see a system approach to data collection. Provost Kathuria confirmed that over the next year, the System will be developing the ability to generate data, view enrollment, and financials.

Regent R. Porth added that it would be beneficial if we could use the data to view that impact on our students to compare our value and accessibility to other institutions. Chair Bloom inquired about course format and offerings within graduate programs, specifically evening and weekend. Dean Singh confirmed that they have adjusted evening courses to meet availability of students.

Chair Bloom called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion by Regent J. James and second by Regent J. McCarthy, a vote was taken and the motion to adjourn was passed unanimously at 10:37AM.