



# CT BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

## ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Meeting October 2, 2014  
9:30 a.m. – 61 Woodland Street, Hartford

### MINUTES

- Regents Present: Merle Harris, Stephen Adair, Eugene Bell (by conf), Naomi Cohen (by conf.), Lawrence DeNardis,
- Regents Absent: Craig Lappen, Catherine Smith
- Staff Present: Michael Gargano, Elsa Nunez, Corby Coperthwaite, William Gammell, Duncan Harris, Leslie Mara, Maureen McClay, Linda Perfetto, Arthur Poole, Erika Steiner
- Other Attendees: Shirley Adams (COSC), Missy Alexander (WCSU), Ann Atkinson (WCSU), Kimberley Bean (SCSU), Bette Bergeron (SCSU), Ann Branchini (TRCC), Janet Burke (WCSU), Ruth Eren (SCSU), Rhona Free (ECSU), Michelle Ganon (WCSU), Jane Gates (WCSU), Ray Hughes (CCC), Carl Lovitt (CCSU), Scott McGregor (WCSU), Kevin McNamara (SCSU), Wilfredo Nieves (CCC), Sandra Palmer (MCC), Kate Rickard (CCC), Michael Rooke (TXCC), Barbara Tucker (ECSU)

Chair Merle Harris called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

1. Minutes of September 5, 2014 – **A motion to approve was made by L. DeNardis, seconded by E. Bell and unanimously approved.**
2. New Policy – Normalize Credit Hours. Dr. Gargano introduced the resolution and described the process. **A motion to approve by L. DeNardis, seconded by E. Bell. The motion was unanimously approved.** Chair Harris thanked all involved for their work resolving issues and the workable resolution.
3. Suspension of Existing Academic Program – New Media Communication – Tunxis CC. **A motion to approve by L. DeNardis, seconded by N. Cohen.** Dr. Gargano explained there was currently no model for a suspension but noted that with a determined sunset date it would be agreeable. There was discussion on timing of a sunset date with Regent DeNardis noting two years seemed more reasonable than three. Regent DeNardis moved to amend the resolution to include the two-year sunset date. It was seconded by N. Cohen and unanimously approved. **Regent DeNardis moved to approve the amended resolution, seconded again by N. Cohen. The amended resolution was unanimously approved.**
4. Modification of Program – MBA-Concentration in Accounting – Western CSU. **A motion to approve by L. DeNardis, seconded by N. Cohen.** Professor Scott McGregor described the proposal noting the need for 150 credit hours for national state licensing requirements. In response to questions, more details were provided regarding online modules, process, grading, and courses. Chair Harris commended the system. **The vote was taken and unanimously approved.**

5. New Programs

- a. Business Administration – BS – Charter Oak SC. **A motion to approve by L. DeNardis, seconded by E. Bell.** Dr. Gargano introduced the two programs from COSC noting they were changing concentrations to majors. Provost Adams described the process and details and answered questions on the program. **The vote was taken and unanimously approved.**
- b. Psychology – BS – Charter Oak SC. **A motion to approve by N. Cohen, seconded by L. DeNardis.** Provost Adams noted this was similar to the previous program and provided details. She recapped assessment and capstone pieces in response to a question on learning outcomes. **The vote was taken and unanimously approved.**
- c. Applied Behavior Analysis – MS – Western CSU. **A motion to approve by L. DeNardis, seconded by N. Cohen.** Dr. Gargano introduced Dr. Burke and the program. Dr. Burke described the program, mentioning the 19 credits needed to sit for the license exam. In response to a question by Regent DeNardis, Dr. Burke described the tremendous need and requests for students from employers. More details were provided regarding online methods, waiting lists, and more. **The vote was taken and unanimously approved.**

6. Continuation of State University Centers and Institutes – 5 Year Review Reports. Dr. Gargano provided an overview of Centers and Institutes. He mentioned the plan to create a committee to look at all centers and institutes with a fresh perspective and in line with national norms, federal funding, the new Office of Sponsored Programs, research and publications, and the relationship to Transform initiatives. Regents were in favor and asked about a timeline. A first report would be provided in January.

- a. Center for Teaching and Faculty Development – Central CSU. **A motion to approve by N. Cohen, seconded by L. DeNardis.** Provost Lovitt provided a description and information, stating a new director was to be hired and plans for more improvements. There were questions about sharing more with other institutions. **The vote was taken and unanimously approved.**
- b. David M. Roth Center for Connecticut Studies – Eastern CSU. **A motion to approve by L. DeNardis, seconded by N. Cohen.** Provost Free introduced Director Barbara Tucker who described the initiation and purpose of the Center, noting their collection, research on Connecticut studies, outreach to area schools, symposiums, workshops and plays. Dr. Free mentioned the connection with the university's mission. **The vote was taken and unanimously approved.**
- c. Center for Communication Disorders – Southern CSU. **A motion to approve by L. DeNardis, seconded by N. Cohen.** Provost Bergeron introduced Director Kevin McNamara who provided background and mission. He noted the services provided to the university and the greater New Haven area, remarking on its three missions and research. He said the budget was self-sustaining through client revenue. Chair Harris pointed out discrepancies on the budget pages that were to be corrected. She also mentioned the importance of the endeavor. **The vote was taken and unanimously approved.**
- d. Center of Autism Spectrum Disorders – Southern CSU. **A motion to approve by L. DeNardis, seconded by N. Cohen.** Provost Bergeron introduced Director Ruth Eren. Also introduced was a new colleague and former student Dr. Kimberly Bean. Dr. Eren described the center and its needs and goals, noting the three divisions. Dr. Bean described her initiative noting her research will be presented at two national conferences. In answer to questions, increased numbers were explained. **The vote was taken and unanimously approved.**
- e. Meteorological Studies and Weather Center – Western CSU. **A motion to approve by L. DeNardis, seconded by N. Cohen.** Provost Gates introduced Dr. Missy Alexander who described the long history and successful employment rate, noting the curriculum development, the daily operations, and reporting. Also mentioned was the new bridge program for STEM programs. Some discussion followed. **The vote was taken and unanimously approved.**

f. Institute for Financial Literacy – Western CSU. Dr. Gates introduced Dr. Michelle Ganon who provided a history and functions of the center, noting the students call it “WCSU Your Money”. She highlighted the use of peer leaders. After some discussion, it was observed although the center was for Western’s own students the online module was very robust and accessible to all. **There was a motion to approve by L. DeNardis, seconded by N. Cohen and unanimously approved.**

7. Discontinuation of State University Centers and Institutes. **The three discontinuation requests listed below were moved by N. Cohen, seconded by L. DeNardis.** There were no questions. **The vote was taken and unanimously approved.**

- a. David T. Chase Free Enterprise Institute – Eastern CSU
- b. Center for Financial Forensics and Information Security – Western CSU
- c. Center for Graphics Research – Western CSU

8. Establishment of a Middle College – Capital CC. The resolution determines that Capital CC will continue discussions with the Hartford Public Schools Board of Education on the creation of Capital Community College Magnet Academy and the college will provide for review and approval by the System Office all contract terms and finance agreements. Upon System Office approval, there will follow formal review and approval of the ASA Committee and the full Board of Regents. **A motion to approve by L. DeNardis, seconded by N. Cohen.** President Nieves described the initiative stating Capital was working with the local Board of Education on formal documents. Regent Harris asked about issues with high school students on campus. Dr. Nieves noted they were examining best practices, remarked on their previous experience, and mentioned the students would be juniors and seniors only. Regent DeNardis commented this was one of a variety of education opportunities stipulated by the Sheff vs. O’Neill case. In answer to a question regarding costs, it was noted per student costs will be paid to the college. **The vote was taken and unanimously approved.**

9. Old Business –

- a. Promotion and Tenure Recommendation – Central CSU. A motion to remove from table was made by N. Cohen, seconded by L. DeNardis and unanimously approved. **A further motion to approve the recommendation was made by N. Cohen, seconded by L. DeNardis.** There was brief discussion. **The vote was taken and unanimously approved.**

10. Information Items

- a. Review of 2014 approved programs. Dr. Gargano gave an overview of the review of programs. He recommended programs of significant need would report again next year. He also noted next year’s new programs report would include those that were approved this year too late to accrue data.
- b. Below-threshold–Pathway to Teaching Careers – Quinebaug Valley CC. The item was indicated.

11. Other Business

Dr. Gargano mentioned the certificate programs review at the legislature, giving an overview of the presentation to the PRI Committee and noting the work still to be done.

Dr. Harris mentioned two items to be on the December agenda – a review of the policy on sexual misconduct and the student code of conduct and the issue with Southern CSU’s education program.

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.