



# CT BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

## ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Meeting – November 8, 2013  
2:00 p.m. – 39 Woodland Street, Hartford

### MINUTES

- Regents Present: Merle Harris (Chair), Eugene Bell, Naomi Cohen, Lawrence DeNardis, Sarah, Green
- Regents Absent: Nick Donofrio, Tom Failla, Catherine Smith
- Staff Present: David Levinson, Elsa Nunez, Ted Yungclas, Aynsley Diamond, Maureen McClay, Nancy Melnicsak, Arthur Poole
- Other Attendees: Shirley Adams (COSC), Missy Alexander, (WCSU), Christine Broadbridge (SCSU), Matthew Enjalran (SCSU), Rhona Free (ECSU), Gena Glickman (MCC), Marianne Kennedy (SCSU), Carl Lovitt (CSCU), Jamicia Lackey (BOR/GWCC), Michael Rooke (TXCC), Rebecca Townsend (MCC)

Chair Merle Harris called the meeting to order at 9:39 a.m.

1. Minutes of October 1, 2013 – it was amended to include Tom Failla as attending by conference call. **A motion to approve as amended was made by N. Cohen, seconded by L. DeNardis and unanimously approved.**

CONSENT AGENDA. The Consent Agenda was **moved for adoption by L. DeNardis, seconded by N. Cohen and unanimously approved.**

Consent items included:

2. Termination of Existing Academic Program
  - a. Liberal Arts & Sciences: Computer Science Concentration (A.A.) – Housatonic CC
  - b. Computer Information Systems: Web Development Option (A.S.) – Housatonic CC
  - c. Computer Information Systems: Business Information Systems Option (A.S.) – Housatonic CC
  - d. Business Office Technology: Medical Secretary Certificate (C2) – Quinebaug Valley CC
  - e. Business Office Technology: Office Skills Certificate (C2) – Quinebaug Valley CC
  - f. Business Office Technology: Secretarial Certificate (C2) – Quinebaug Valley CC
  - g. Business Office Technology: Administrative Office Management (A.S.) – Quinebaug Valley CC

Chair Harris mentioned comments conveyed by Regent Donofrio who was unable to be present noting the importance of institutions using advisory committees for terminations as well as new programs in order to ensure there is no longer a need for those being discontinued.

### ACTION ITEMS

3. Endowed Chair Appointment – Robert C. Vance Endowed Chair in Communication – Central CSU. Dr. Yungclas presented the item and introduced Provost Carl Lovitt. Dr. Lovitt provided background and spoke about the nominee, Susan Campbell, giving her bio and noting she would be a real asset to the program. Regent DeNardis asked about the responsibilities. Dr. Lovitt mentioned those listed in

the staff report and noted Ms. Campbell would be a resource for the community and for lectures. Regent Cohen then brought up the general fact of whether nominations should come to the Board once the Endowed Chair itself is approved. There was general discussion on policy and if the campuses should fill the positions on their own. Regent DeNardis noted he thought the extra approval a good idea. The subject was held for future discussion, including discussion on the campus process. **With a motion to approve by N. Cohen, seconded by L. DeNardis, the Chair appointment was unanimously approved.**

4. Nanotechnology Center – New Center of Excellence – Southern CSU – **A motion to approve by N. Cohen, seconded by L. DeNardis.** Discussion: Dr. Yungclas introduced the program and Provost Marianne Kennedy, who introduced Dr. Christine Broadbridge and Dr. Matthew Enjalran. Dr. Kennedy provided a general description pointing out this was a shared State University Center housed at Southern. Funding was in place from grants and some university support. Part of the charge is to generate revenue and it will eventually be self-supporting. Dr. Broadbridge offered further background noting the Governor’s original study calling for a research center and she was pleased Southern was bringing it to fruition for the Connecticut State Universities. Regents asked for an explanation of what nanotechnology does as well as what are future expectations. Dr. Broadbridge envisions industry partners, some they have already been talking to and they expect to have several in a few years. Dr. Kennedy also noted the building has excellent space for labs. In answer to another question it was noted the Center would be used by all students within the ConnSCU system as well as the broader community – it is not just for SCSU students. The programs already have ties with the other CSU’s and they are building ties with the Community Colleges. It was also noted the industry-wide advisory committee already provides relationships and those relationships will expand.

**The vote was taken and unanimously approved.**

5. Five-year Review and Reauthorizations – Centers of Excellence. Chair Harris introduced the item and the five Centers up for review.
  - a. Biotechnology Institute – Central CSU. Provost Lovitt provided a summary mentioning some of the programs and noting they raise their own funds. The programs are aligned with an emphasis on STEM. There was a question of the number of students involved noting it was approximately 60 a year. In response to a request for more specific numbers, Dr. Lovitt stated they would be provided in the annual report. Regent Bell asked about percentage of students who obtained employment but those statistics were not available. Discussion included how that data would be helpful in determining impact and student outcomes. Arthur Poole of BOR staff noted the five-year review format does not ask for data and outcomes but that the form can be revised to include that in the future. It was generally agreed by the Regents to have that information included and was also mentioned they would like more information on how students are benefitting. **The vote was taken and unanimously approved.**
  - b. East Asian Studies Center – Central CSU – The motion was moved by E. Bell and seconded by N. Cohen. Dr. Lovitt reviewed the report noting this was one of three cultural centers on campus and encompassed wide-ranging activities. It provided welcome and mentoring and a lot of outreach to the Asian-American community as well as promoting academic success. The cultural centers were primarily funded by the institution. **The vote was taken and unanimously approved.**
  - c. Institute for Technology and Business Development – Central CSU. Dr. Lovitt reviewed the description noting it was closely aligned with Continuing Education and self-supporting. It was expected the activities would increase. Regent DeNardis noted it could be seen as a model for its business outreach and training. It was moved by N. Cohen, seconded by L. DeNardis. **The vote was unanimously approved.**

- d. Church Farm Center for Arts & Sciences – Eastern CSU. President Nunez gave background on the Center noting it stemmed from a gift from the Zaring family, including the property, house and money for renovation. Provost Free remarked on the several programs provided each semester, the different classes that used it for class and research projects and the additional community programs that used it. It was a host organization for an endowed chair that had not been filled in recent years – noting in answer to a question that most applicants were interested in their own research and the university was looking for support for general undergraduate research. **The vote was unanimously approved.**
  - e. Center for the Study of Culture and Values – Western CSU. The motion was made by N. Cohen, seconded by E. Bell. Dean Alexander reported the Center was reviewed and evaluated over the summer and has undergone redirection. Although recent chairs had been outstanding, they were not sustainable and in the future they hoped to endow the course rather than a chair. There was a Greek community in the area with students and community supporting lectures. WCSU hoped to also create opportunities for students, including study abroad scholarships. The funding donor has approved the restructuring plan. **The vote was unanimously approved.**
6. Licensure of New Programs
- a. Interpersonal and Organizational Communications (A.A.) – Manchester CC. The motion was moved by N. Cohen, seconded by E. Bell. Dr. Yungclas introduced the program and President Glickman. President Glickman gave a brief description and introduced Dr. Townsend who presented the proposal noting the work was done with national organizations and mentioning that present courses in communication had not been tied together in any coherent way. In response to a question, it was stated that this program was not at present at other Community Colleges as a full program. Chair Harris asked how it fits the communication pathway under TAP. She noted that in future she would like all new programs to incorporate this information. General discussion ensued on transfer with Chair Harris mentioning the need to communicate clearly to students. **The vote was taken and unanimously approved.**
7. Extension of Ed.D in Nursing – Southern CSU and Western CSU. The motion was made by N. Cohen, seconded by L. DeNardis. Dr. Yungclas described the need for the extension. **The vote was unanimously approved.**

## INFORMATION ITEMS

### 2. Updates

- a. Safety Assessment and Security Consulting Services. Dr. Yungclas provided an update on the status noting Ahmed Beermann-Ahmed from the BOR staff was overseeing the project. The RFP had been reviewed by the selection committee with six finalists being interviewed. The final two were reviewed by Attorney Weaver and references checked. The firm chosen was Elert & Associates. Funds had been identified and the contract had final approval by the Attorney General's office and had just been received at the end of October. The kick-off meeting was scheduled for that day (November 8). In response to a question on final cost of contract and scope of services, the information was to be emailed later.

## **Adjournment**

There was no other business. **A motion to adjourn was made by N. Cohen, seconded by L. DeNardis and unanimously approved.** The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.