



CT BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Meeting November 20, 2015
9:30 a.m.– 61 Woodland Street, Hartford

MINUTES

- Regents Present: Merle Harris, Stephen Adair, Naomi Cohen, Lawrence DeNardis
- Regents Absent: Sarah Green, Catherine Smith
- Staff Present: Rommel Guadalupe, Estela Lopez, Ken Klucznik, Michael Kosinski, Maureen McClay, Nancy Melnicsak, Elsa Nunez, Linda Perfetto, Arthur Poole, Alice Pritchard, Karen Stone, Ernestine Weaver
- Other Attendees: Shirley Adams (COSC), Larry Bingaman (RWA), Ann Branchini (TRCC), Vincent Breslin (SCSU), Ian Canning (SCSU), Ilene Crawford (SCSU), Donna DiGianvittorio (RWA), Ellen Durnin (SCSU), Glynis Fitzgerald (CCSU), Jim Flynn (RWA), Michael Gentry (TRCC), Janet Hayes (GCC), I Mark Jackson (CCSU), Mark Kosinski (GCC), Carl Lovitt (CCSU), Dimitrios Pachis (ECSU), Rich Rees (GCC), Ruth Rollin (CCSU), Michael Rooke (TX/NWC), Eben Schwinn (TRCC), Andrew Selig, Debbie Thomas (CCC)

Chair Merle Harris called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m.

On a motion by N. Cohen, seconded by L. DeNardis, an item 7 was added to the agenda – “Possible vote on Security Police Forces Resolution.”

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. September 25, 2015– **N. Cohen moved to approve, seconded by L. DeNardis and unanimously approved.**
 - b. October 15, 2015 – **N. Cohen moved to approve, L. DeNardis seconded – unanimously approved.**
2. Consent Items – **A motion to approve consent items was made by N. Cohen, seconded by L. DeNardis and unanimously approved.** Items on Consent were:
 - a. Terminations
 - i. Computer Aided Drafting Certificate – ACC
 - ii. Publications Certificate - ACC
 - iii. Software Development Certificate - ACC
 - iv. Child Development Associate Prep Certificate - ACC
 - v. Community-Based Corrections Certificate – ACC
 - vi. Fine Arts: Photography Option – QVCC
 - vii. Fine Arts: Graphic Arts Option – QVCC

3. Action Items

- a. TAP. Chair Harris introduced the item, thanking Drs. Candace Barrington and Ken Klucznik for their work. Dr. Klucznik provided an overview and details of the implementation process so far. Questions were addressed with further discussion following. Comments were offered by President Elsa Nunez and Provost Estela Lopez. Dr. Klucznik then provided information on the Biology Pathway resolution. Questions were answered. **There was motion to approve by N. Cohen, seconded by L. DeNardis and unanimously approved.**
- b. Modifications
 - i. Modern Language-Specialization in Spanish (MA) – CCSU. The modification allowed for the program to be offered online in order to reach students across the state. Dr. Lopez offered comments on the modification and introduced Dr. Carl Lovitt and Dean Glynis Fitzgerald. They provided background and further information. There were some questions on method and marketing. **A motion to approve was made by L. DeNardis, seconded by N. Cohen and unanimously approved.**
 - ii. Health Information Management (Post Baccalaureate Certificate)– COSC. Dr. Lopez introduced the program and Provost Shirley Adams. The program is based on a previously approved bachelor’s degree which has achieved CAHIM accreditation. Dr. Adams added further information and addressed questions. **A motion to approve was made by N. Cohen, seconded by L. DeNardis and unanimously approved.**
- c. New Programs
 - i. Environmental Systems and Sustainability Studies (BS) – SCSU. **A motion to approve was moved by L. DeNardis, seconded by N. Cohen.** Dr. Lopez provided an overview and introduced Dr. Crawford and Dr. Breslin from SCSU. This is an interdisciplinary program using the outstanding science facilities and courses already available at the institution. Drs. Crawford and Breslin added further information and answered questions. **The vote was taken and unanimously approved.**
 - ii. Public Utilities Management (AS & BS) – GCC and SCSU. **A motion to approve was made by L. DeNardis and seconded by N. Cohen.** Dr. Lopez introduced the group from Gateway and Southern and provided an overview, noting it was a 2 + 2 type of program. Dean Kosinski from GW added comments and introduced business people from the South Central Regional Water Authority. They provided additional comments on the need and background, noting the terrific partnerships between the three and the formation of the Advisory Board. It was also noted this was a unique degree program in the U.S. There were a few questions that were addressed, with more information provided by Dean Durnin and others from SCSU. **The vote was then taken and unanimously approved.**
 - iii. Precision Sheet Metal Manufacturing (Certificate) – TRCC. **Approval was moved by L. DeNardis, seconded by N. Cohen.** Provost Lopez gave an overview and introduced Dean Ann Branchini and Prof. Mike Gentry. They

provided details, noting their collaboration effort with Electric Boat and several others, and pointed out aspects of the curriculum. **The vote was taken and unanimously approved.**

- iv. Doctorate of Nurse Anesthesia Practice (DNAP) – CCSU. Chair Harris spoke about this first professional doctorate degree at the universities. Dr. Lopez offered introductory remarks, describing the process developed and the value of the site visit. Provost Lovitt introduced his colleagues from CCSU and provided information on the program. In response to a request, he described their affiliations with hospitals. Other questions were addressed. Chair Harris offered a general comment that the cost of tuition should be examined with the Finance Committee to assure sustainability. Regent DeNardis offered general comments noting that all the new programs voted on today offered some very innovative partnerships but system-wide there was still a need to see greater reduction of current programs that may not be relevant. Dr. Lopez commented that the Academic Council took that premise very seriously and continued to address it. **The vote was then taken for the DNAP program and unanimously approved.**

4. Information Items. Chair Harris noted the three information items. Dr. Lopez reported two were just program accreditation updates. She offered further information on the State Board of Education letter and an update on COSC's probationary accreditation for its alternate route Early Childhood Education program.

5. Other Business.

- a. President Nunez provided a brief summary update on EPAC, noting the full report would come in Spring.
- b. Dr. Lopez introduced Rommel Guadalupe of our Research & System Effectiveness department who provided a power-point presentation of highlights on the Accountability Report.

At 12:25 p.m., a motion to move into Executive Session was made by N. Cohen, seconded by L. DeNardis and unanimously approved. Chair Harris asked the following to remain: E. Lopez, M. Kozlowski, M. McClay, E. Weaver.

The Committee moved back into Public Session at 1:10 p.m., Chair Harris announced no votes had been taken.

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 1:11 p.m.