



# CT BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

## ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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

### MINUTES

- Regents Present: Merle Harris, Stephen Adair, Eugene Bell, Naomi Cohen, Lawrence DeNardis, Craig Lappen
- Regents Absent: Catherine Smith
- Staff Present: David Levinson, Elsa Nunez, Candace Barrington, Corby Coperthwaite, William Gammell, Duncan Harris, Shelly Jewell, Maureen McClay, Stacey Musulin, Meg Niewinski, Linda Perfetto, Arthur Poole, Wendy Robicheau, Ernestine Weaver, Sarah White, Karen Wosczyzna-Birch
- Other Attendees: Cathryn Addy (TxCC), Michael Alfano (CCSU), Jayne Battye (QVCC), Ann Branchini (TRCC), Carol Brutza (GCC), Linda Clark (CCSU), Carlee Drummer (QVCC), David England (TxCC), Rhona Free (ECSU), Janet Hayes (GCC), Stephen Hegedus (SCSU), Ray Hughes (CCC), Mary Ellen Jukoski (TRCC), Marianne Kennedy (SCSU), Allyson Kinney (GCC), Mark Kosinski (GCC), Kate Miller (MxCC), Hannelore Moeckel-Rieke (NCC), James Mulrooney (CCSU), Michael Rooke (TxCC), Karl Schoen-Rene (GCC), Malik Sitou (GCC), Mark Vesligau (QVCC), Stacy Walker (GWCC), David Welsh (TxCC)

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

1. Minutes of October 2, 2014 – **A motion to approve was made by N. Cohen, seconded by C. Lappen and unanimously approved.**

Consent Items – There were no changes. **A motion to approve by L. DeNardis seconded by N. Cohen and unanimously approved.** Consent items approved were:

2. Termination
  - a. Technical Writing Certificate – Three Rivers CC
3. Modification
  - a. Therapeutic Recreation Certificate – Middlesex CC
  - b. Human Services – A.S. – Quinebaug Valley CC

### Action Items

4. Student Advisory Committee's Resolution on Undocumented Students. Chair Harris introduced the item and introduced Regent Sarah Greco from the Student Advisory Committee. Ms. Greco provided background and reasons for the resolution. Discussion ensued, noting the legal opinion obtained by the Board observed that the BOR does not have authority to award aid without prior legislative action. It was also noted the Faculty Advisory Committee was pursuing a legislative change by getting commitment from each of the institutions and presenting to legislators. Regent DeNardis asked if a financial aid impact analysis had been done. It was mentioned one type of analysis had been done a

year ago indicating virtually no impact but a more pertinent analysis was still needed. Stacey Musulin from the System Office Financial Aid Department spoke citing potential problems and the need for further analysis. David Welsh, Financial Aid Director at Tunxis CC also mentioned the issue of financial strains with the number of currently eligible students exceeding the amount of dollars available. Regents discussed further with the suggestion to postpone in order to obtain more information on financial impact . **N. Cohen moved to table, C. Lappen seconded. It was approved by majority to table, with one abstention by Regent Bell.**

## 5. New Programs

- a. Biotechnology Certificate – Middlesex CC. **A motion to approve was made by C. Lappen, seconded by N. Cohen.** Chair Harris introduced Kate Miller from Middlesex. Ms. Miller described the background and need for the program. Dr. Levinson also commended the program. **The vote was taken and unanimously approved.**
- b. Data Security Specialist – AS – Gateway CC. **A motion to approve by N. Cohen, seconded by L. DeNardis.** Dean Mark Kosinski introduced his team from Gateway. They described the process and the needs of business for both new programs. There were questions for this program and others regarding general education credit and transfer pathways. Chair Harris asked that the Chief Academic Officers discuss and ensure a way to meet standards of transfer. There was further discussion on transfer track and career track with a suggestion to change resolution language. Regent DeNardis also asked about adjunct use. **An amendment to the resolution to add the words “career-track” before “program” was made by N. Cohen, seconded by C. Lappen and unanimously approved. The final resolution was then voted and unanimously approved.**
- c. Mobile Application Development – AS – Gateway CC. **A motion to approve by C. Lappen, seconded by L. DeNardis with the same amendment as the previous program, adding the words “career-track”.** Dean Kosinski and Gateway’s team offered some additional information. **The vote was taken and unanimously approved.**
- d. COT’s Engineering Science/STEM Certificate – Quinebaug Valley CC. **There was a motion to approve by C. Lappen, seconded by L. DeNardis.** Chair Harris introduced Dean Jayne Battye and Professor Mark Vesligaj from Quinebaug Valley to discuss both COT Certificates. Prof. Vesligaj provided background of the COT programs at QVCC, extolling the partnership and its success and provided details of each proposed program. **The vote was taken and unanimously approved.**
- e. COT’s Technology Studies/STEM Certificate – Quinebaug Valley CC. Prof. Vesligaj described the differences in the programs. **The vote was taken and unanimously approved.**
- f. Health Care Science – AS – Quinebaug Valley CC. Dean Battye described the background, process and need. There were some questions. The Committee talked about confusion regarding transfer. After further discussion, it was moved to table for better clarification in background materials regarding transfer. **The motion to table was made by N. Cohen, seconded by L. DeNardis and unanimously approved.** It was noted it could return for the next meeting.
- g. Graphic Design – AS – Three Rivers CC. **A motion to approve by C. Lappen, seconded by L. DeNardis.** Chair Harris introduced Dean Ann Branchini who provided background and details. The question of language in the resolution again was noted and **Regent Cohen moved to amend the resolution to include the “career-track” words, seconded by C. Lappen. The amendment was approved unanimously and the final motion was voted and also unanimously approved.**
- h. Accelerated Advanced Manufacturing Machining Certificate – Tunxis CC. **There was a motion to approve by N. Cohen, seconded by L. DeNardis.** Dean Michael Rooke introduced his colleague, David England. Dean Rooke introduced the program and Mr.

England provided background on the partnership with the company. They spoke about the great need and other information and also mentioned the use of adjuncts with no need for new faculty. **The vote was taken and unanimously approved.**

6. Old Business

- a. Interdisciplinary Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution Certificate – Gateway CC. **A motion to approve by C. Lappen, seconded by E. Bell.** Dean Mark Kosinski introduced the team from Gateway CC. He remarked on the changes addressing the Board's concerns from last time, noting the title change to "Interdisciplinary Peace, Collaboration, and Conflict". They spoke about the need for a practical, skill-based certificate program also noting it was TAP compliant, and a service-learning course. Prof. Moeckel-Rieke from Norwalk CC added they are also working on a similar certificate and the need. Regent DeNardis noted the changes, mentioning the title change did meet his prior concern. A previous student then spoke about giving life skills for everyday life and work. Regent DeNardis added comments, again noting his concern the program might be misrepresented to employers. He hoped it would be publicized as geared more to the community and not seen as a global peacekeeping program. Representatives from Gateway assured the community-based focus of the program. **The vote was taken and unanimously approved.**

7. TAP

- a. College of Technology (COT) – Technology Pathway. Dr. Candace Barrington, Co-TAP Manager mentioned that they have worked on 16 pathways since the beginning of the semester. She distributed a handout on the TAP work noting the COT fits the spirit of TAP. Dr. Karen Wosczyzna-Birch provided full background on the COT and introduced her colleague, Prof. Jim Mulrooney from CCSU who added comments on the seamless work being done together. Regent Cohen had some questions on language that were addressed. **The vote was taken and unanimously approved.**

8. Policy Amendments

- a. Sexual Misconduct Reporting, Support Services and Processes Policy. **There was a motion to approve by N. Cohen, seconded by L. DeNardis.** Counsel Ernestine Weaver described the amendments and the need for them, noting each of the changes, including the title. She also mentioned they had been sent to all campuses for comments. **The vote was taken and unanimously approved.**
- b. Student Code of Conduct Policy regarding Hearing Process. The motion to approve was by N. Cohen, seconded by L. DeNardis. Ms. Weaver provided explanation of the changes. Regent Cohen had questions on review language. After discussion it was decided language needed to be revised. **A motion to table was made by N. Cohen, seconded by L. DeNardis and unanimously approved.** It was also noted the previous approved amendments on the Sexual Misconduct Policy would be held until this policy amendment was approved and both would be brought to the full BOR at the same time.
- c. Policy on FERPA and Directory Information. Ms. Weaver provided a detailed explanation. She added a request to add one more item to the list for Charter Oak State College to add emails. Discussion followed. **L. DeNardis moved to approve the policy with the additional language, seconded by E. Bell and unanimously approved.**

Information items 9. and 10. were noted.

11. Updates

- a. Status Report on NCATE and Library Science program at SCSU. Chair Harris introduced President Papazian and Dean Stephen Hegedus. President Papazian provided information on the reaccreditation letter recently received from the State Department of Education. . She also referenced the excellent NCATE report. She noted they had never lost accreditation as reported in the media. She remarked they were working very closely with the State

Department of Education. Dean Hegedus added they continued to make significant progress addressing issues related to assessment of the advanced program. The state will be returning in March to review the system that has been put in place. They also spoke about future plans.

Reporting on the Library Science program they noted SCSU is applying for candidacy to the American Library Association in June next year. They are in the process of revising the program and will come back to the ASA Committee in April for approval. If plans go well, approval from the ALA will come in 2017.

- b. CSCU Accreditation Schedule. Chair Harris pointed out the accreditation schedule document provided for information purposes.
- c. Grants Report. Chair Harris noted that the report would also be given to the full Board and because of the lateness would not be necessary for the Committee to review. Director Shelly Jewell gave very brief remarks and confirmed the report would be given to the full Board.

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 12:00 p.m.