CT BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Meeting December 18, 2014, revised [approved 1-30-2015]
1:00 p.m. – 61 Woodland Street, Hartford

MINUTES

Regents Present: Merle Harris, Stephen Adair, Eugene Bell (by conf.), Naomi Cohen, Lawrence DeNardis (by conf.), Craig Lappen

Regents Absent: Catherine Smith

Staff Present: David Levinson, Elsa Nunez, William Gammell, Robin Golden, Shelly Jewell, Maureen McClay, Steve McDowell, Arthur Poole, Ernestine Weaver,

Other Attendees: Rebecca Adams (HCC), Sandra Barnes (HCC), Jane Gates (WCSU), Miah LaPierre-Dregger (CCC), Saaid Elhadad (CCC), Seth Freeman (CCC), Cheri Goreti (QVCC), Ray Hughes (CCC), Carl Lovitt (CCSU), Faris Malhas (CCSU), Susan Pease (CCSU), Elizabeth Roop (HCC)

Chair Merle Harris called the meeting to order at 1:44 p.m.

1. Minutes of December 5, 2014 – A motion to approve was made by C. Lappen, seconded by N. Cohen and unanimously approved.

Consent Items – Item b. was removed from Consent. A motion to approve remaining item was made by C. Lappen, seconded by N. Cohen and unanimously approved. Consent item approved was:

2. a. Modification
   i. Resolution amendment to reinstate Industrial Technology program and approve reorganization of new program in Manufacturing Management – BS – CCSU

Item 2. b. Suspensions
   i. Health Administration – MS – WCSU
   ii. Teaching – MA – WCSU

   There was a motion to approve both items by C. Lappen, seconded by N. Cohen. Discussion: there was a question about number of students and plans for those in the programs. Provost Jane Gates provided the information for each item, noting courses for degree completion will be provided. The vote was taken and unanimously approved.

3. New Programs
   i. Paramedic Studies – AS – Housatonic CC. A motion to approve was made by N. Cohen, seconded by C. Lappen. The team from HCC was introduced. Dean Adams gave an overview of the program, mentioning Bridgeport Hospital, and adding job prospects were very good in Connecticut. There was discussion on the transfer aspect, their agreement with Eastern CSU and whether it was an actual pathways transfer. Discussion ensued regarding holding it in order to develop the pathways transfer. President Roop remarked that the A.S. degree has been requested and asked that at least the A.S. degree be approved. There was more discussion on the type of policy needed for future. An amendment to add the wording “career track” to the resolution was made by N. Cohen, seconded by C.
Lappen and unanimously approved. The resolution, as amended, was then voted and unanimously approved.

ii. CIS-Mobile Application Developer Option – Capital CC. A motion to approve with the same “career track” language added was made by N. Cohen, seconded by C. Lappen. Dean Ray Hughes gave the background and introduced the team from Capital. The department chair noted they are working on additional pathways program and also remarked they already have a waiting list. The vote was taken and unanimously approved.

4. Tabled Item
   i. Health Care Science – A.S. – Quinebaug Valley CC. There was a motion to remove from table by N. Cohen, seconded by C. Lappen. The motion was approved. Professor Goretti provided a description of the changes noting the pathway. There was discussion on TAP and pathways in general. Regents noted that in future they needed to have the TAP process complete before coming to the ASA Committee. It was suggested the college still needed to develop the TAP pathway and have it approved by the TAP committee, recommending they work with the TAP Co-Managers. There was a motion to again table by N. Cohen, seconded by C. Lappen and unanimously approved.

5. Renaming the School of Arts and Sciences as the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences – Central CSU. Dean Susan Pease provided the background and process for the reorganization. A motion to approve was made by C. Lappen, seconded by E. Bell. In response to a question it was noted the word “College” in the name was quite common. The vote was taken and unanimously approved.

6. Policy Amendments
   i. Student Code of Conduct Policy Regarding Hearing Process. Chair Harris introduced the item noting it was being brought back with changes. Counsel Ernestine Weave described the changes noting the discussion at the last meeting regarding language. She remarked the language had now been revised to make it clearer and provided further explanation. A motion to approve was made by N. Cohen, seconded by C. Lappen and unanimously approved.

There was an additional action item requested by Chair Harris regarding a moratorium on the approval of new programs until a policy is developed addressing the transfer articulation program. C. Lappen moved and N. Cohen seconded the following motion: That there be a moratorium on the approval of new associate degree programs until a policy is approved by the Board of Regents to clearly differentiate between TAP programs and other associate degree programs. In addition, programs in the TAP category shall have completed the TAP process before coming before the Academic and Student Affairs Committee for approval. The vote was taken and unanimously approved.

7. Updates
   i. Financial Literacy and PA 14-217. Chair Harris pointed out the report in the agenda packet and noted the statute. Arthur Poole remarked on the combined constituents’ report being submitted to the legislature. He noted that all constituents had processes in place and the legislature may accept these present processes, also mentioning that by 2018 all high school seniors will be required to have the courses. There was discussion on whether the BOR should develop a position. However, it was determined that should be coordinated with the Department of Education.
ii. Dual Enrollment – Credentialing Teachers. The new NEASC Dual Enrollment policy passed in spring, 2014, required all Community Colleges with dual enrollment programs to comply with the new policy. Robin Golden gave an overview and description of the work so far to bring the programs up to the new standards. Most of the dual enrollment programs (where high school teachers teach community college courses to high school students) have been run under the Perkins funded CCP –College and Career Pathways program. She remarked there were negotiations with NEASC to allow the CC programs to phase in the Faculty Standards by Fall of 2015. A major part of this phase in requires the colleges to “select, supervise and evaluate” any high school teachers teaching courses for which the college will provide credit. According to NEASC, the “selection” standards must be the same for the high school faculty as they are for adjunct faculty teaching the same course on the college campuses. This led to a need for clarification on what the BOR guidance is for adjunct credentialing. Ms. Golden, with input from the Academic Council and college HR directors, is preparing updated guidance. The new guidance has been informed by the process that Middlesex CC went through to clarify adjunct credentialing by area and course level. The Academic Council will be asked to approve the new guidance. There was some further discussion.

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

The meeting adjourned at 3:14 p.m.