

**CONNECTICUT BOARD OF REGENTS**  
**MEETING OF THE**  
**ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**REGULAR MEETING – MINUTES**  
10:00 a.m. - Tuesday, January 10, 2012

CSU System Office  
Boardroom 123  
Hartford, CT

Trustees Present: Merle Harris, Chair, Naomi Cohen, Nicholas Donofrio, Michael Fraser (via conference), Alex Tettey, Jr.

Trustees Absent: Larry DeNardis, René Lerer, Yvette Melendez, Catherine Smith

Provosts, VPs  
& Deans Present: Alan Morton for Jane McBride Gates (WCSU)

CSUS/CCC Staff Present: Louise Feroe, David Levinson, Germán Bermúdez, Tom Clark, Judy Nosal

Chair Harris called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. and, following roll call, indicated a quorum was present. Chairman Eberhard Asch welcomed the committee to the first BOR Academic and Student Affairs Committee meeting.

**1. ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Review of the Process & Forms for the Approval of Academic Programs**

Dr. Bermúdez reviewed the program approval process along with Dr. Feroe and after a lengthy discussion on the process all agreed to move forward. The staff report to the BOR will include the procedure document for their January 19<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

The Committee unanimously approved the new program review process on a motion by Trustee Cohen and a second by Trustee Donofrio.

**2. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**A. Teacher Education Reform**

Dr. Feroe distributed information on the draft “Blueprint for CSU Education Programs” and discussed the proposed outline. Discussion on teacher training programs offered at CSU institutions and their current requirements followed. This will be part of the Governor’s legislative agenda this session.

**B. BOR ASA Committee Meeting Schedule**

Chair Harris proposed the Committee meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month at 9:30 a.m. A schedule was included in the meeting packet and will go to Board Associate for posting to the webpage.

**C. Hiring New Academic Deans**

Trustee Fraser explained that WCSU is hiring a new dean of the school of education, and in CSUS, an external candidate cannot be offered tenure. A person who is currently a tenured faculty at the university is eligible to keep tenure status when moving to the dean’s position. This creates an inequity that limits the pools of external candidates. Trustee Fraser noted that WCSU has lost candidates because of the tenure issue. Chair Harris suggested bringing this issue to the Finance and Administration Committee for review.

**D. Transfer Policy**

Dr. Feroe distributed the draft transfer and articulation policy. A decision was made by the Committee to hold an Open Forum for discussion and comment. Suggestions on the location of the Open Forum were Middlesex Community College in Middletown, the LOB or Capitol in Hartford. Dr. Feroe will make the necessary

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contacts and arrive at a convenient location. The Student Advisory Committee will be meeting on Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> and Dr. Feroe will email the transfer policy to them for their review prior to the Open Forum.

**3. OTHER**

**A. Future Meeting Topics for Discussion**

Chair Harris asked for future meeting topics for discussion:

- Define institutional success (now using graduation rates)
- Program Review – questions on duplication
- Partner with high school programs (Pathways)
- Skills needed to drive economic growth and what role do we have in that outcome.
- Startup America – entrepreneurial workforce development.
- Student involvement earlier – testing something encourage “risk taking”
- Accessibility/affordability and retention – Is our goal just to get students in the door?/or are we going to graduate them?

Chair Harris thanked everyone for their time and participation in the meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Cohen moved to adjourn; Trustee Donofrio seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.