



CT BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Meeting – November 2, 2012

9:30 a.m. – 39 Woodland Street, Hartford

MINUTES

Regents Present: Merle Harris (Chair), Naomi Cohen, Nicholas Donofrio, Yvette Melendez

Regents Absent: Lawrence DeNardis, Michael Fraser, Catherine Smith, Alex Tettey

Staff Present: David Levinson, Elsa Núñez, Braden Hosch, Pamela Coleman, Maureen McClay

Other Attendees: Shirley Adams (COSC), Andrew Clark (CCSU), Corby Coperthwaite (BOR office), Rhona Free (ECSU), Carl Lovitt (CCSU), Marianne Kennedy (SCSU), Paul Silberquit (GCC), Dan Goble (WCSU)

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

- 1. Minutes were approved unanimously with a motion by Mr. Donofrio, seconded by Ms. Cohen.**

Consent Agenda was unanimously approved with a motion by Mr. Donofrio, seconded by Ms. Cohen. Consent items included recommendations for the following approvals

2. Academic Program Approval - Accreditation BA in Musical Theater (Western CSU)
3. Institutional Accreditation – University of Connecticut

Action Items

4. Academic Program Approvals

- Accreditation of an A.S. in Railroad Engineering Technology with an Option in Signaling and Communications [Gateway CC]. Dr. Hosch offered an overview and introduced Paul Silberquit, Division Director, from Gateway CC. Director Silberquit presented background and description, noting positive enrollments although part-time slightly down from projections, possibly due to non-credit shorter program also offered. Response to questions noted active recruiting in non-credit classes; types of jobs resulting from the two tracks; transfer pathway to CCSU's Industrial Studies program; and wide mix of students. It was noted program is more career-oriented rather than transfer track.

Motion to recommend accreditation by Ms. Cohen, seconded by Ms. Melendez. Unanimously approved.

5. Continuation of State University Centers and Institutes

Dr. Hosch presented an overall summary noting that centers or institutes are reviewed in their fifth year of authorization with presidents reviewing reports and forwarding a recommendation for continuation at the Board level. Ms. Melendez noted value of centers to the community and their institutions. Reviews should also consider faculty time as expenditures and center outcomes.

- CCSU – Center for Multicultural Research & Education. Dr. Lovitt described Center and noted it was well established with an internally-funded, modest budget. It was originally established in 1991, authorized in 2002 and reauthorized in 2007.

Motion to recommend reauthorization of continuation of Center by Mr. Donofrio, seconded by Ms. Melendez. Unanimously approved.

- CCSU – Henry C. Lee Institute for the Study of Crime and Justice. Dr. Lovitt provided a summary. Institute was established in 2002 and reauthorized in 2007. Funding is through external grants and contracts. Very successful at meeting goals, staff are published widely and there is extensive collaboration with agencies (most recently have established a new college police academy with a municipal police department).

Motion to recommend reauthorization of continuation of Institute by Ms. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Donofrio. Unanimously approved.

- CCSU – Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy. Mission of this institute is to promote responsible, regional and national public policy. It was established in 2002 and reauthorized in 2007. Resources are from the state and grants. The Institute is heavily involved with criminal justice policy matters and is well connected with state and local governments. In response to a question, Provost Lovitt noted there were no plans for any change or enlarging of the Institute's focus and any future change would require Board approval.

Motion to recommend reauthorization of continuance of Institute by Ms. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Donofrio. Unanimously approved.

- SCSU – Center for Coastal and Marine Studies. Dr. Kennedy provided summary of Center noting it was relatively new, however, extraordinarily successful. It was established in 2007 and is funded primarily by grants with pledges through 2016.

Motion to recommend reauthorization of continuance of Center by Mr. Donofrio, seconded by Ms. Melendez. Unanimously approved.

- SCSU – Center for Excellence in Mathematics and Science. Dr. Kennedy noted this was also a new center established in 2007. The mission is to foster students in math and science, particularly women and minorities. The budget is modest. It was noted there was a need to have a faculty member serve as center director. Mr. Donofrio expressed concern at the small resource level. He will discuss with Dr. Kennedy to provide advice.

Motion to recommend reauthorization of continuance of Center by Ms. Melendez, seconded by Mr. Donofrio. Unanimously approved.

- WCSU – Center for Business Research. *Who spoke?* provided a summary and background. The Center was established in 1996 and last reauthorized in 2007. It is solidly funded at present by donations with grants being pursued in the future. There are plans to build upon a platform of success, including more student assessments, client evaluations and additional client access and participation.

Motion to recommend reauthorization of continuance of Center by Mr. Donofrio, seconded by Ms. Melendez. Unanimously approved.

6. Endowed Chairs Report

Dr. Hosch provided an overview noting it was established in the 1980s with a State matching fund. There has been no matching funds since approximately 20005. C.G.S. 10a-20a(f) requires annual reports on expenditures to be submitted to the Office of Higher Education. In response to questions, it was noted funds are provided through the Office of Higher Education and use the regular auditing process. It was recommended that this be one of the sections of statute that be revised to allow the President of BOR to submit the report rather than require review and approval by the Board of Regents. Dr. Hosch will pursue, in consultation with legal staff, to determine process to change submission procedures.

Motion to recommend approval of Endowed Chairs Reports made by Mr. Donofrio, seconded by Ms. Melendez. Unanimously approved.

Discussion Items

7. Review of Guidelines Regarding Centers and Institutes at State Universities

Dr. Hosch summarized present policy that requires five-year review and reauthorization. Comments noted review is needed to determine continued value; analysis needs to be fuller in reviewing financial and substance value. Dr. Núñez noted review at Board level is helpful to presidents. Dr. Hosch will work on improving format for reports. Guidelines being developed should encompass community colleges and continue to fit into universities areas of strength.

8. Update on PA 12-40

Dr. Hosch summarized highlights of progress.

- Compiled inventory and examined a variety of approaches including regionalization idea and financial impact;
- In August convened regional groups [focused on end of spectrum where there were most needs]; latest meeting was with co-chairs. Groups have been asked to submit working drafts in December;
- In September there was a Developmental Education Convocation, organized with help from Jobs for the Future. Funding was from a Gates Foundation grant;
- A clarification draft document was developed identifying types of groups served;
- An advisory group was assembled. It will advise the two vice presidents and provide communication;
- Financial support was identified – funding sources include the College Access Grant (federal) and Bridges to Success (state) through two separate RFPs – one for present programs, other for college-readiness programs for certain priority districts); RFPs are being issued;
- Meetings with other stakeholders and regional partnerships are planned

Dr. Núñez noted their understanding of respecting and implementing the law and also understanding the responsibility to protect access. Discussion noted:

- key is assessment of all regional work and devising innovative models;
- building on pilot programs already in place;
- communication with legislators important - timing will be pursued.

Information Items

- Non-Substantive Change

- Name change of a Minor in Library Information Services to Information Management and Services (SCSU)
- Addition of Concentrations (9 credits) to the Master of Business Administration MBA)
- Discontinuation of Center for Educational Excellence – Eastern CT State University

9. Other Updates

- Faculty Advisory Committee will meet with the ASA at an upcoming meeting
- Security issues being looked at by the Council of Student Affairs

Adjournment

There was a motion to adjourn by Ms. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Donofrio. Unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 11:21 a.m.