



CT BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Meeting – October 5, 2012
9:30 a.m. – 39 Woodland Street, Hartford

MINUTES

Regents Present: Merle Harris (Chair), Naomi Cohen, Lawrence DeNardis, Yvette Melendez, Michael Fraser (via conference), Alex Tettey (via conference)

Regents Absent: Nicholas Donofrio, Catherine Smith

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

Other Attendees: Shirley Adams (COSC), Cathryn Addy (TXCC), Mary Ann Affleck (CCC), Alan Barkley (HCC), JoAnn Black (QVCC), Cindi Brassington (QVCC), Amy DeSonia (QVCC), Brian Donahue-Lynch (QVCC), Stephen Ersinghaus (TXCC), Rhona Free (ECSU), Ira Hessmer (CCC), Robert Hickey (CCC), Marianne Kennedy (SCSU), Miah La Pierre (CCC), Wilfredo Nieves (CCC), Lester Primus (CCC), Michael Rooke (TXCC), Elizabeth Steeves (HCC),

Chair Merle Harris called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Consent Agenda was unanimously approved with a motion by Yvette Melendez, seconded by Larry DeNardis. Consent items included recommendations for the following academic program approvals

- Licensure of BA in Environmental Studies (University of Connecticut)
- Modification – Certificate - Health Claims Processing name change (Tunxis CC)
- Modification – MS – Computer Science course modifications (Southern CSU)
- Modification – MS – Teaching English as a Second Language name change (Central CSU)
- Termination – MS – Spanish (Central CSU)
- Termination – GR Certificate – Global Leadership and Literacy (Central CSU)

Action Items

Academic Program Approvals

Licensure

- Quinebaug Valley CC – Business Administration Option in Health Care Management Services (AS). Dean DeSonia and Allied Health Professor Cindi Brassington presented and described program. Dr. Hosch noted prior approval by the State Advisory Committee on Accreditation and pointed out aggressive enrollment projections. Additional information by Prof. Brassington noted college worked closely with outside

medical offices who indicated a considerable need. College expected to meet enrollment projections.

**Motion to recommend licensure for a period of three years until October 31, 2015.
Moved by Mr. Tetty, seconded by Ms. Melendez. Unanimously approved.**

- Quinebaug Valley CC – Computer Services (AS) Option in Web Development. Dr. Hosch presented overview noting approval by State Advisory Committee on Accreditation and mentioning financials were based on aggressive enrollment projections. Description and background were presented by Dean DeSonia. There were no issues.

**Motion to recommend licensure for a period of three years until October 31, 2015.
Moved by Mr. DeNardis, seconded by Ms. Melendez. Unanimously approved.**

- Capital CC – Construction Management (AS and AAS). Dr. Hosch provided overview noting differences between AS and AAS degrees and introduced college representatives. President Nieves stated process included partnering with community, businesses and Hartford public schools addressing needs of all. Dean Affleck added background information and financials. Guest Robert Hickey, program consultant from CCSU, added industry statistics and needs. Discussion encompassed responsiveness to needs and community and timetable of program including students progression into field.

**Motion to recommend licensure for a period of three years until October 31, 2015.
Moved by Ms. Cohen, seconded by Ms. Melendez. Unanimously approved.**

Accreditation

- Tunxis CC – New Media Communication. Dr. Hosch offered overview and presented amended language providing for progress reports. Dean Rooke described program, enrollments and need throughout State with expectation of high growth. Tunxis would be one of first in state with potential of numerous other institutions to grow in field.

**Ms. Cohen moved recommendation for accreditation, Mr. DeNardis seconded.
Unanimously approved.**

- Housatonic CC – Pathway to Teaching Careers (AS). Dr. Hosch provided overview. Dean Barkley introduced Professor Elizabeth Steeves who gave summary of program and strengths, including transfer to SCSU, addressing STEM need and other shortage areas. Chair Harris noted need for pathway to education.

**Motion for recommend accreditation by Ms. Melendez, seconded by Mr. DeNardis.
Unanimously approved.**

Discussion ensued re changes in review process by Committee. Dr. Hosch noted revision of process, including forms will provide better basis and projections for program approval. Role of committee will be determined when revised process and forms completed. Projection for completion of forms and subsequent review is December.

Licensure and Accreditation

- Quinebaug Valley CC – Web Design (C2). Dr. Hosch provided overview noting a short-term certificate needed simultaneous licensure and accreditation. Dean DeSonia gave description and focus. Question by Ms. Cohen triggered discussion of marketing practices.

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

Institutional Accreditation

Dr. Hosch distributed a summary for five institutions and presented an overview noting standards, notable findings and areas for follow-up. It was recommended the Board accept all five NEASC accreditation approvals. Each institutions' representatives offered summations of review and report. Motions were made and approved as follows:

- **Capital CC – motion to recommend accreditation by Ms. Cohen, seconded by Mr. DeNardis. Unanimously approved.**
- **Charter Oak SC – motion to recommend accreditation by Mr. DeNardis, seconded by Ms. Cohen. Unanimously approved.**
- **Quinebaug Valley CC – motion to recommend accreditation by Ms. Melendez, seconded by Mr. DeNardis. Unanimously approved.**
- **Southern CSU – motion to recommend accreditation by Mr. DeNardis, seconded by Ms. Melendez. Unanimously approved.**
- **Tunxis CC – motion to recommend accreditation Ms. Cohen, seconded by Mr. DeNardis. Unanimously approved.**

CSU Teaching and Research Awards

Chair Harris noted the question of continuing the CSU Teaching and Research Awards and expanding to all 17 institutions or ending the practice. Discussion noted a need for additional study to review possibility of extending to all institutions.

There was a motion to recommend suspension of the CSU Teaching & Research Awards for 2013 for purposes of evaluation - moved by Ms. Cohen, seconded by Ms. Melendez, unanimously approved.

Additional item re Governance Standards. Dr. Hosch stated BOR Counsel Ernestine Weaver will be looking at policies and standards from both systems. The item will be put on a future agenda.

Information Item

- Non-Substantive Change – Minor in Leadership Development (SCSU)

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m. with a motion by Mr. DeNardis, seconded by Ms. Melendez and unanimously approved.