



BOR ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

**Agenda and Notice of a SPECIAL MEETING
Via Conference call originating from Room 310
61 Woodland Street, Hartford, CT**

Thursday, August 9, 2018 –10:00 a.m.

A Special Meeting of the Academic & Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Regents will be held at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, August 9, 2018 via conference call originating from Conference Room 310 at 61 Woodland Street, Hartford CT.

AGENDA

1. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum
2. Off-site Campuses for Community Colleges
3. Vote on Resolution
4. Adjourn

CT BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

RESOLUTION

concerning

Off-Site Campuses for Community Colleges

August 23, 2018

WHEREAS, The community colleges of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities System have a long history of partnering with the state's Department of Corrections to offer courses and academic programs within correctional facilities located in their particular service areas, authorized then by the Connecticut Community College Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Education launched a grant program entitled the Second Chance Pell Pilot Program for Incarcerated Individuals to test new models of allowing eligible prison inmates to receive Pell Grants (federal financial aid) to pursue postsecondary education with the goal of helping them get jobs, support their families and turn their lives around, and subsequently selected four of the CSCU colleges, Asnuntuck, Middlesex, Quinebaug Valley and Three Rivers, to participate in the pilot program. These grants necessitate authorization by the colleges' current governing body per a request by the U.S. Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, The experimental Second Chance Pell Pilot Program is in direct alignment with Governor Dannel Malloy's Second Chance Society Initiative to afford inmates the opportunity to obtain education and training to become gainfully employed once they are released; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Regents reaffirms authorization by its predecessor governing body, the Connecticut Community College Board of Trustees, and grant authorization anew for the state's public community colleges to establish off-site (branch or satellite) campuses at correctional facilities within their respective service areas.

A True Copy:

Erin A. Fitzgerald, Secretary of the
CT Board of Regents for Higher Education

ITEM**Second Chance Pell Pilot Program for Incarcerated Individuals****BACKGROUND**

The U.S. Department of Education (DOE) launched a grant program entitled the Second Chance Pell Pilot Program for Incarcerated Individuals in the Summer of 2015 to test new models to allow incarcerated Americans to receive Pell Grants (federal financial aid) to pursue postsecondary education with the goal of helping them get jobs, support their families and turn their lives around.

The CSCU System Office, in Fall 2015, submitted a Letter of Intent on behalf of the system's twelve community colleges to participate in this pilot program under the Experimental Sites Initiative. Subsequently in Summer 2016, four of the colleges – Asnuntuck, Middlesex, Quinebaug Valley and Three Rivers – were selected by DOE among 67 colleges and universities across the nation to participate in the pilot program.

With their Pell grants, the student-inmates are able to pay tuition and fees and purchase books and supplies. The colleges' administrative costs are also met by the Pell grants; thus, the program is implemented at no cost to the institutions.

RATIONALE

The System's community colleges have a long history of partnering with the state's Department of Corrections to offer courses and academic programs within correctional facilities located in their service areas. It was noted in the Letter of Intent, referenced above that at Asnuntuck: "over 2,400 students enrolled in courses at the correctional facilities between 2003 and 2011 with an almost 96% completion rate" and that Three Rivers served "over 2,000 inmate students between Spring 1999 and Summer 2012." In supporting the System's application to participate in the Second Chance Program, Scott Semple, Commission of the Connecticut Department of Corrections, observed that the experiment is in "direct alignment with Governor Dannel Malloy's Second Chance Society Initiative" to afford inmates the opportunity to obtain education and training to become gainfully employed once they are released.

RECOMMENDATION

The System's Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic and Students Affairs recommends that the Board of Regents reaffirms authorization by its predecessor governing body (the Connecticut Community College Board of Trustees) and grant authorization anew for the state's public community colleges to establish off-site (branch or satellite) campuses at correctional facilities within their respective service areas.

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