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ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Meeting – April 26, 2019 - 9:30 a.m.
Naugatuck Valley Community College
750 Chase Parkway, Waterbury, CT 06708
Technology Hall Dining Room, T531

MINUTES

Regents Present:	Merle Harris, Naomi Cohen, Aviva Budd, Peter Rosa, Del Cummings, William Lugo
Regents Absent:	None
Staff Present:	Jane Gates, Alison Buckley, Arthur Poole, Pat Ryiz
Other Attendees:	Missy Alexander (WCSU), Michelle Brown (WCSU), Ilene Crawford (SCSU) (via teleconference), David Dauwalder (CCSU), Lisa Dresdner (NVCC), Nicholas Edgington (SCSU), Sara Hanson (MxCC), C. Patrick Heidkamp (SCSU), Bruce Kalk (SCSU), Miah LaPierre Dreger (CCC), John Lewis (QVCC), Sharon Lynch (NVCC), Elsa Núñez (ECSU), Earl Ormond (NVCC), William Salka (ECSU), Jane Wampler (NVCC)

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Chair Merle Harris.

Chair Harris introduced Dr. Daisy Cocco DeFilippis, President of Naugatuck Valley CC, who welcomed the BOR Academic and Student Affairs Committee and guests to NVCC. Chair Harris shared that President Cocco DeFilippis was honored last night as one of the Wonder Women of the Malta House of Care.

1. Approval of Minutes
   a. April 8, 2019
   On a motion by N. Cohen and seconded by P. Rosa, a vote was taken and the minutes from the April 8, 2019 meeting were approved.

2. <u>Consent Items</u>
   a. Discontinuations
      i. <u>Electrical – Certificate – C2 - Tunxis CC</u>
      On a motion by A. Budd and seconded by N. Cohen, a vote was taken and the Consent Item was unanimously approved.

3. <u>Action Items</u>
   a. Licensure and Accreditation of a Program
      i. <u>Mechatronics Automation Technician – Certificate – Quinebaug Valley CC</u>
      John Lewis, Dean of Academic Affairs and Student Services, presented for QVCC which is requesting licensure and accreditation for the Mechatronics Automation Technician Certificate and that licensure and accreditation be retroactive to the original date of approval May 11, 2017. When the program was licensed, it was licensed only for one year through May, 2018. Three students graduated from the program in May 2018 and 14 students are scheduled to graduate in May 2019. BOR policy states that degrees cannot be conferred for licensed-only programs. The program prepares graduates for immediate employment as entry-level automation technicians. The certificate program flows seamlessly into an existing College of Technology/QVCC two-year Associate's Degree in Technology Studies which can than transfer to CCSU's Mechatronics program.
      Questions from the Committee centered on:
         a) *Enrollment – Is the enrollment of 31 students in the 3rd year actual enrollment?* Response: As of March, 2019, 31 students have declared the Mechatronics Automation Technician certificate as their major. The 3rd year enrollment is projected. There are 14 students currently in the pipeline to graduate in May.
         b) *Budget – Projected Revenue – In the first two years of the program, expenses exceeded revenue. In the 3rd year, the projection is that revenue will exceed expenses. What is the projection based on?* Response: The projection is based on attendance at open houses and program applications.
      Chair Harris called for a motion to approve the accreditation of the program. The motion was moved by N. Cohen and seconded by P. Rosa.
      A question arose on when the program will be reviewed and the difference between the existing Academic Review Process and the proposed Academic Review Process. Under the proposed Academic Review Process, if approved by ASA and by the BOR on May 9, 2019, programs will be simultaneously licensed and accredited. New academic programs will be reviewed 7 semesters after they are approved. At that point, institutions will be required to apply for continued accreditation. The new policy is not retroactive to existing programs. In response to a question on programs falling short of their enrollment and revenue projections, Chair Harris reiterated that the Committee will look at the following: 1) Where the institution is located (for workforce needs; 2) Were initial projections realistic; and, 3) Revenue and expenditures.
      Chair Harris called for a motion for a substitute resolution for the accreditation of the Quinebaug CC Mechatronics Automation Technician Certificate.
      RESOLVED: That the Board of Regents for Higher Education grant accreditation retroactively to May 2018 of a Mechatronics Automation Technician program (CIP Code: 14.4201, OHE # 19029) leading to a Certificate, requiring 30 course credits delivered via an onground modality, at Quinebaug Valley Community College, **until May 31, 2020.**
      On a motion by A. Budd and seconded by N. Cohen on the substitute BOR Resolution to approve the accreditation of the Quinebaug CC Mechatronics Automation Technician

Certificate, a vote was taken and the accreditation of the Quinebaug CC Mechatronics Automation Technician Certificate was unanimously approved until May 31,2020

ii. Cybersecurity – AS – Naugatuck Valley CC

Dr. Lisa Dresdner, Dean of Academic Affairs, and Earl Ormond, Associate Professor/Coordinator, Criminal Justice, presented the program for Naugatuck Valley CC which is requesting accreditation of the AS in Cybersecurity program retroactive to June, 2017. Several students transferred from their Criminal Justice Computer Crime Deterrence Program directly into Cybersecurity, once it was approved, and they completed the coursework more quickly than expected. One student graduated in Summer 2017 and two degrees were awarded in Spring 2018. In response to the questions regarding why the number of credits is 61 instead of 60 and why the cost of the program is so low, the NVCC representatives responded that there is a lab in the program. No additional courses were added and students from different programs take courses in Cybersecurity which keeps the program cost low.

Chair Harris called for a motion to approve the substitute BOR Resolution for the accreditation of the Naugatuck Valley CC Cybersecurity AS program.

> RESOLVED: That the Board of Regents for Higher Education grant accreditation retroactively to June 2017 of a Cybersecurity program (CIP Code: 43.0116, OHE # 18547) leading to an Associate of Science degree, requiring 61 course credits delivered via a hybrid modality, at Naugatuck Valley Community College

On a motion by A. Budd and seconded by N. Cohen on the substitute BOR Resolution to approve the accreditation of the Naugatuck Valley CC Cybersecurity AS program retroactive to June 2017, a vote was taken and the accreditation of the Naugatuck Valley CC Cybersecurity AS program retroactive to June 2017 was unanimously approved.

iii. Environmental Systems and Sustainability Studies – BS – SCSU

A motion to approve the retroactive accreditation of the SCSU Environmental Systems and Sustainability Studies BS degree program was made by P. Rosa and seconded by A. Budd.

Dr. Ilene Crawford, Assoc. VP for Academic Affairs (via teleconference), Dr. Bruce Kalk, Dean of Arts and Sciences, and, Dr. Patrick Heidkamp, from the Center for Environmental Literacy and Sustainability, presented the program for SCSU which is seeking approval of the accreditation of the BS in Environmental Systems and Sustainability Studies retroactive to December 2018. Questions from the Committee centered on the curriculum and the budget. Dr. Kalk listed and explained the three tracks, or options, in the program: Environmental Systems, Coastal Marine Systems, and, Policy and Management. In response to the budget question, it was indicated that no new faculty were hired. New sections of the program will be added to accommodate increased enrollment.

Chair Harris called for a vote on a substitute Resolution:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Regents for Higher Education retroactively grant accreditation to December 2018 of an Environmental Systems and Sustainability Studies program (CIP Code: 03.0103, OHE # 18282) leading to a Bachelor of Science degree, requiring 120 course credits delivered via an on ground modality, at Southern Connecticut State University.

A vote was taken to approve the substitute Resolution for the SCSU Environmental Systems and Sustainability Studies BS degree program granting accreditation retroactive to December 2018. The vote was unanimous.

b. Accreditation of a Licensed Program
   i. <u>Biotechnology – BS – SCSU</u>
   A motion to approve the accreditation of the SCSU BS in Biotechnology degree program was made by P. Rosa and seconded by A. Budd.
   Dr. Nicholas Edgington, Professor, Biology, joined the SCSU representatives to present this program. The BOR approved the SCSU BS in Biotechnology program in May 2016 and licensed it until May 30, 2019. The US Dept. of Education did not approve the BS in Biotechnology as a financial aid-eligible program until Spring 2017; therefore, the program was launched in Fall 2017. Dr. Kalk enumerated other setbacks for the program in addition to the delayed launch. In Fall 2017, Alexion, SCSU's largest industry partner, moved out of New Haven. This exodus of a number of pharmaceutical companies affected the need for interns and future employees. Small start-up companies are gradually taking the place of larger companies in the area and are providing a source of internships. Marketing of the program was limited. Dr. Kalk distributed the new marketing plan for the program. Questions from the Committee centered on projected enrollment and job opportunities. The program will turn a profit with a projected enrollment of 32 students. New startup companies being established in the region will be a source of internships and jobs. **The Committee requested that the BS in Biotechnology degree program be presented for review in one year.**
   Chair Harris called for a vote on the substitute resolution:
   RESOLVED: That the Board of Regents for Higher Education grant accreditation of a Biotechnology program (CIP Code: 26.1201, OHE # 18540) leading to a Bachelor of Science degree, requiring 120 course credits delivered via a hybrid modality, at Southern Connecticut State University, **until May 31, 2020.**
   On a motion by A. Budd, seconded by N. Cohen, a vote was taken to approve the SCSU BS in Biotechnology degree for accreditation through May 31, 2020. The vote was unanimous.

   ii. <u>Medical Laboratory Technician – AS – Quinebaug Valley CC</u>
   A motion to approve the accreditation of the Quinebaug CC Medical Laboratory Technician (MLT) AS degree program was made by N. Cohen and seconded by A. Budd. Dean John Lewis presented the program for QVCC. The BOR approved and licensed the program in September 2016. The program consists of a total of 63 credits, which includes clinical lab courses and two required specialized internships. There are no other two-year MLT programs in CT. The program leads to immediate employment for students upon graduation and the job rate is expected to grow by 16% through 2024. Two students are graduating in May 2019. Dean Lewis responded to the Regents' questions on Spring 2019 enrollments and retention rates.
   Chair Harris called for a vote to approve the accreditation of the Quinebaug CC Medical Laboratory Technician (MLT) AS degree program. A vote was taken and it was unanimous.

iii. <u>Computer Networking – AS – Capital CC</u>

A motion to approve the accreditation of the Capital CC Computer Networking AS degree program was made by N. Cohen and seconded by P. Rosa. Dr. Miah LaPierre-Dreger, Interim Dean of Academic Affairs, presented the program for Capital CC. Dean LaPierre distributed the Application for Accreditation of a Licensed Program for the Computer Networking AS Degree, the parent degree. This program was licensed in 2015; but, it has not been accredited. Students are scheduled to graduate from the program in May 2019. The parent degree has two certificates, Computer Networking, which will be considered next, and, the CCNA Certificate. In 2015, the Computer Networking AS degree and the two related certificates were presented in one proposal.   Chair Harris asked for clarification as to what the BOR ASAC is authorizing today. Dean LaPierre responded the AS in Computer Networking and the first of two certificates, the Computer Networking Certificate. At the June 7 meeting of the BOR ASA, the remaining certificate will be presented for approval.

Provost Gates stated that licensed non-accredited programs with May 2019 graduates are being presented today. This is Phase 1 to assure these students are graduating from approved programs. Phase 2 will present remaining licensed non-accredited programs at the June 7 BOR ASAC meeting. Phase 2.

Chair Harris proposed a substitute motion to approve accreditation for the Capital CC AS in Computer Networking through May, 2019. (Capital CC will submit the entire package for continuing accreditation at the June 7 BOR ASAC meeting**.)**

N. Cohen moved to approve the substitute motion, seconded by P. Rosa. A vote was taken to approve the accreditation for the Capital CC AS in Computer Networking through May 31, 2019 and the vote was unanimous.

iv. <u>Computer Networking – Certificate – Capital CC</u>

Chair Harris proposed a substitute motion to approve accreditation for the Capital CC Certificate in Computer Networking through May, 2019.

N. Cohen moved to approve the substitute motion, seconded by P. Rosa. A vote was taken to approve the accreditation for the Capital CC Certificate in Computer Networking through May 31, 2019 and the vote was unanimous.

v. <u>Applied Computing-BA-WCSU</u>

A motion to approve the accreditation of the WCSU BA in Applied Computing degree program was made by A. Budd and seconded by N. Cohen. Dr. Missy Alexander, Provost and VP of Academic Affairs, and Dr. Michelle Brown, Dean of the Macricostas School of Arts and Sciences, presented the program for WCSU which is seeking accreditation of the BA in Applied Computing. The BOR approved and licensed the program in May 2017. This degree provides students with a less theoretical option to the BS in Computer Science degree. Job prospects for students with a BA in Applied Computing are very strong. All courses are part of the BS in Computer Science; therefore, there are no additional costs in offering the BA in Applied Computing as an additional option for some students

Chair Harris called for a vote to approve the accreditation of the WCSU BA in Applied Computing degree program. A vote was taken and it was unanimous.

c. Modifications
   i. <u>Biomolecular Sciences – MA – CCSU [Name Change]</u>
   A motion to approve the modification of the CCSU MA in Biomolecular Sciences degree program was made by N. Cohen and seconded by P. Rosa.
   Dr. David Dauwalder, Provost and VP of Academic Affairs, presented the program for CCSU which is requesting a name change for the program from the MA in Biomolecular Sciences to the MS in Biomolecular Sciences. Students have requested the name change and employers prefer the MS designation to the MA.
   Chair Harris called for a vote to approve the modification (name change) of the CCSU MA in Biomolecular Sciences to the MS in Biomolecular Sciences. A vote was taken and it was unanimous.

   ii. <u>Communication – MS – CCSU [Name Change/Adding Alternate Modality]</u>
   A motion to approve the modifications to the CCSU MS in Communication degree program to the MS in Strategic Communication with the addition of a fully online track was made by N. Cohen and seconded by A. Budd. Dr. David Dauwalder, Provost and VP of Academic Affairs, presented the program for CCSU. CCSU is seeking to add a fully online track to the onground modality of the program. Students can choose to complete the program on ground, online or via a combination of the two modalities which would likely increase the enrollment in the program, including opening the program to international students. The name change to the MS in Strategic Communication will more accurately describe the large sub-group specialty of the program and enable students to seek employment in a broader field of Communications.
   Chair Harris called for a vote to approve the modification of the CCSU MS in Communication including a name change to the MS Strategic Communication and the addition of a fully online track. A vote was taken and it was unanimous.

d. Suspensions
   i. <u>Education – MS – WCSU (Six Options)</u>
   A motion to approve the suspension of six options under the WCSU MS in Education degree program was made by N. Cohen and seconded by P. Rosa. Dr. Missy Alexander, Provost and VP of Academic Affairs and Dr. Joan Palladino, Interim Dean, School of Professional Studies, presented this program for WCSU which is seeking approval to suspend, for two years, six options under the MS in Education (MSED) degree program. The six options are: Option in Curriculum – Concentration Curriculum for the Classroom Teacher; Option in Curriculum – Concentration Curriculum in the Content Area; Option in Special Education - Concentration in Autism; Option in Special Education - Concentration for Special Education for the Classroom Teacher; Option in Reading; and, Option in Curriculum – Teacher Leader. The MSED option in Instructional Technology will continue. In Fall 2018, the Department launched new graduate programs in Special Education, Language and Literacy, and, a Sixth Year Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL).
   Chair Harris called for a vote to approve the suspension of six options under the WCSU MS in Education, for two years, until Spring Semester 2021. A vote was taken and it was unanimous.

e. Promotions and Tenures
    i. CCSU
    ii. ECSU
    iii. SCSU
    iv. WCSU
A motion to approve the 2019 Promotions and Tenures recommended by the Presidents of the Connecticut State Universities was made by N. Cohen and seconded by P. Rosa. A vote was taken and the 2019 CSU Promotions and Tenures were unanimously approved.

f. CSU-AAUP Faculty Research Grants
A motion to approve the 2019-2020 CSU AAUP Faculty Research Grants was made by P. Rosa and seconded by N. Cohen. The CSCU AAUP mandates that funds be allocated for research grants at each of the four CSU institutions. A total of $911,877 has been allocated for the 2019-2020 program year. With $22,186 in residual funds from previous years, a total of $934,073 is available for research projects during the 2019-2020 program year. A total of 247 faculty members were selected by the Committee to receive grants totaling $916,117.
Chair Harris called for a vote to approve the 2019-2020 CSU AAUP Faculty Research Grants. A vote was taken and it was unanimous.

g. Academic Programming Approval Policy
A motion to approve the adoption of a new Academic Programming Approval Policy was made by A. Budd and seconded by P. Rosa. Arthur Poole, Director of Educational Opportunity, discussed the proposed changes to the Academic Programming Approval Policy. The request to revise the existing policy emanated from the CSCU Academic Council and the BOR Academic and Student Affairs Committee. All new programs will be approved for licensure and accreditation for seven semesters. After the seventh semester, institutions will complete the Application for Continued Licensure and Accreditation which is approved internally, in the Provost's office, and by the Academic Council. The application is then presented to the BOR Academic and Student Affairs Committee which votes on whether or not to approve continued accreditation and licensure of the program. Programs approved for continued licensure and accreditation are placed on the Consent Agenda of the next BOR meeting. Director Poole also stated that a section on low completer programs has been added to the Application for Continued Licensure and Accreditation form and must be completed if an institution is requesting continuance for a low completer program. Other Academic Program Approval forms have been added or revised.
Chair Harris called for a vote to approve the CT BOR Academic Programming Approval Policy. A vote was taken and the policy was unanimously approved.

4. Informational Items
   a. NECHE Reports – Student Loan Default Rates
       i. Asnuntuck CC
       ii. Middlesex CC
   All CSCU institutions' student loan default rates are reviewed. IPEDS data is submitted to NECHE which notifies institutions when their loan rates are outside of the norm. Default rates

not meeting federal requirements could result in the loss of eligibility for Title IV financial aid.

On a motion by N. Cohen and seconded by A. Budd, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting of the BOR Academic and Student Affairs Committee at Noon.