



**BOR ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
AGENDA**

Friday, May 5, 2023 @ 9:30 a.m.

Conducted via Remote Participation

Meeting livestreamed at: <https://youtube.com/live/KCcETvCml70?feature=share>

Regents Present: Chair Ira Bloom, Regent Juanita James, Regent James McCarthy, Regent Richard Porth, Chair JoAnn Ryan

Ex-Officio BOR Members: Colena Sesanker

Staff Present: Kaylah Davis, Aynsley Diamond, Pam Heleen, Rai Kathuria, Kenneth Klucznik

Other Attendees: Missy Alexander (WCSU), Lourdes Cruz (CT State), Maria Delcourt (WCSU), Stephen Hegedus (SCSU), Kim Kostelis (CCSU), Charles Menoche (CCSU), Trudy Milburn (SCSU), Joann Paladino (WCSU), Katherine Roe (WCSU), William Salka (ECSU), Louise Shaw, Timothy St. James (ACC), Robert Wolff (CCSU)

The meeting was called to order at 9:31a.m. by Chair Ira Bloom.

An official roll call of the BOR Academic and Student Affairs Committee members was taken and a quorum was declared.

1. Call to Order: Declare Quorum

2. Approval of Minutes

a. April 6, 2023

Chair Ira Bloom asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2023, BOR ASA committee meeting. On a motion by Regent Juanita James and second by Regent James McCarthy, a vote was taken, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Action Items

a. Suspensions

i. Mathematics – M.A. – Western CT State University

Dr. Missy Alexander, Provost and Vice President, Dr. Joan Palladino, Interim Dean, Dr. Marcia Delcourt, Professor, and Dr. Katherine Roe, Department Chair presented. Western Connecticut State University requested approval for the suspension of the Masters of Arts program in Mathematics. The program's audience is secondary school teachers seeking a state-required graduate degree. Enrollment has steadily declined over the last 10 years, and the program's current format (part-time and on-ground) no longer meets the needs of these audiences. The suspension provides an opportunity to evaluate the feasibility of reopening in the future, by reviewing the state-wide need of the degree.

Chair Ira Bloom asked for a motion to approve the suspension. On a motion by Regent James McCarthy, and second by Regent Juanita James, a vote was taken, and the suspensions were approved unanimously.

b. Modifications

- i. Music Education – B.S. – Central CT State University [Significant Modification of Courses / Course Substitutions]

Dr. Kimberly Kostelis, Dr. Robert Wolff, and Dr. Charles Menoche presented. Central Connecticut State University requested approval for modifications to the Bachelor of Science in Music Education. The modifications restructure the program to improve access and equity, facilitate student academic success, foster timely degree completion, and include curricular revisions and enhancements that provide additional support for students from disadvantaged backgrounds and/or under-resourced school districts. This modification is aligned with a campus wide effort to increase access, transfer flexibility, and foster interdisciplinary collaboration. The two below threshold items 4.a. iv. and 4.a.v. are related to this modification in an interdisciplinary approach to best meet needs of the students.

Chair Ira Bloom asked for a motion to approve this modification. On a motion by Regent Juanita James, and second by Regent Richard Porth, a vote was taken, and the modification as approved unanimously.

- ii. School Health Education – M.S. – Southern CT State University [Modification of Instructional Delivery]

Dr. Trudy Milburn, Associate Vice President and Dr. Stephen Hegedus, Dean presented. Southern Connecticut State University requested approval for revisions to the Masters of Science in School Health Education program. Since COVID, this program has been offered fully online with success. The target audience for this program is currently employed educators across CT who are looking for coursework and training in health education. Removing the hybrid option and having classes fully online makes this program more accessible to educators across the state. This modification is based on data from students who have shown interest in an accessible all online option as opposed to a hybrid format.

Regent Bloom inquired about the opportunity for students located anywhere to enroll as it would be fully online. Regent McCarthy questioned if there are similar programs within the system that also offer it remotely.

It was confirmed that this is the only program in the state offering online modality, and that broader advertising for recruitment is possible.

Regent McCarthy and Regent Bloom added that the submission process for modifications should include similar programs in the system.

Chair Ira Bloom asked for a motion to approve this modification. On a motion by Regent Juanita James, and second by Regent Richard Porth, a vote was taken, and the modification as approved unanimously.

- iii. Graduate Reading – Remedial Reading and Language Arts – M.S. – Southern CT State University [Modification of Instructional Delivery]

Dr. Trudy Milburn, Associate Vice President and Dr. Stephen Hegedus, Dean, presented. Southern Connecticut State University requested approval for revisions to the Masters of Science in Remedial Reading and Language Arts, as well as the Reading and Language Arts Consultant – Post-Masters Certificate, and the 6th Year Certificate in Remedial Reading and Language Arts Consultant. The modification of instructional delivery provides flexibility and accessibility for students to attend their courses, as many of the enrolled students are full-time educators and administrators throughout the state.

Chair Ira Bloom asked for a motion to approve this modification. On a motion by Regent Richard Porth, and second by Regent James McCarthy, a vote was taken, and the modification as approved unanimously.

- iv. Graduate Reading – Reading and Language Arts Consultant – Post-Masters Certificate – Southern CT State University [Modification of Instructional Delivery]
Dr. Trudy Milburn, Associate Vice President and Dr. Stephen Hegedus, Dean, presented.
Chair Ira Bloom asked for a motion to approve this modification. On a motion by Regent Richard Porth, and second by Regent James McCarthy, a vote was taken, and the modification as approved unanimously.
- v. Graduate Reading – Remedial Reading and Language Arts Consultant – Sixth Year Certificate – Southern CT State University [Modification of Instructional Delivery]
Dr. Trudy Milburn, Associate Vice President and Dr. Stephen Hegedus, Dean, presented.
Chair Ira Bloom asked for a motion to approve this modification. On a motion by Regent Richard Porth, and second by Regent James McCarthy, a vote was taken, and the modification as approved unanimously.
- vi. Instructional Leadership – Ed.D. – Western CT State University [Significant Modification of Courses / Course Substitutions]
Dr. Missy Alexander, Provost and Vice President, Dr. Joan Palladino, Interim Dean, Dr. Marcia Delcourt, Professor, and Dr. Katherine Roe, Department Chair presented. Western Connecticut State University requested approval for the modification of the Ed.D. in Instructional Leadership. Doctor of Education Programs are moving from the traditional Ph.D. Dissertation towards a practitioner-based culminating project that benefits the student as a leader, rather than a potential academic or researcher. The program pivoted to fully online during the pandemic. This is the only program of its type in the state. Expanding the program promotes inclusion of other students that were not previously admitted as they were not a part of the K-12 environment. The program allows students to earn their degree quicker if they choose to by offering courses through summer and intersessions. The program will also be admitting cohorts each year as opposed to every other year, eliminating the Miller Analogy test, offering courses in a more DEI centric approach, and providing a more practical approach with options in dissertation. The programs revised mission and vision better aligns with the university learning outcomes, and the modification provides a more inclusive and flexible program for students. Regent James commended the diligence of the program review by taking what has been learned to re-examine how programs are delivered and focus on the realities of what students face today.
Regent Bloom inquired about the percentage of students who complete the program, and the length of time.
Around 80-85 percent of students complete the program. Like the Ed.D. in Nursing, the model will allow students to complete their coursework within three years.
Chair Ira Bloom asked for a motion to approve this modification. On a motion by Regent James McCarthy, and second by Regent Richard Porth, a vote was taken, and the modification as approved unanimously.
- b. Board of Regents Faculty Awards
Chair Ira Bloom asked for a motion to approve the BOR Faculty Awards. On a motion by Regent Richard Porth, and second by Regent Juanita James, a vote was taken, and the awards were approved unanimously.
- d. CSU Promotions and Tenures
 - i. Central CT State University
 - ii. Eastern CT State University
 - iii. Southern CT State University
 - iv. Western CT State University
 Consistent with the AAUP collective bargaining agreement, the Presidents of the four Connecticut State Universities requested approval of their recommendations for promotion and tenure.

Chair Ira Bloom asked for a motion to approve the CSU Promotion and Tenures. On a motion by Regent Juanita James, and second by Regent Richard Porth, a vote was taken, and the CSU Promotion and Tenures were approved unanimously.

- e. Faculty Research Grants
 - i. Central CT State University
 - ii. Eastern CT State University
 - iii. Southern CT State University
 - iv. Western CT State University

The Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Board of Regents and the Connecticut State University American Association of University Professors (CSU-AAUP) mandates that funds be allocated for research grants at each of the four CSU institutions.

Chair Ira Bloom called for a motion to approve the Faculty Research Grants. On a motion by Regent Juanita James, and second by Regent James McCarthy, a vote was taken, and the Faculty Research Grants were approved unanimously.

- f. Recognizing CSU Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) All-Connecticut Academic Team
Each spring, Phi Theta Kappa, the National Community College Honors Society, recognizes outstanding students, the All-Connecticut Academic Team. These students have demonstrated excellence in their academics, as well as in their participation in campus activities.
Chair Ira Bloom called for a motion to recognize CSU Phi Theta Kappa All Connecticut Academic Team. On motion by Regent Juanita James, and second by Regent James McCarthy, a vote was taken, and the CSU Phi Theta Kappa All Connecticut Academic Team were recognized.

- g. Recognizing 2023 Henry Barnard Award Recipients
The Henry Barnard Award is granted to Connecticut State University students who have demonstrated excellence in both academic and substantial commitment to voluntary community service.

Chair Ira Bloom called for a motion to recognize the students representing the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities who have received the 2023 Henry Barnard Award. On a motion by Regent James, and second by Regent Porth, a vote was taken, and the 2023 Henry Barnard Award recipients were recognized.

- h. CSU Professor Nomination
Dr. Kim Kostelis, Provost, presented.
Central Connecticut State University requested approval for the appointment of Dr. Kristine Larsen as a Connecticut State University Professor. Dr. Larson began her teaching career at CCSU in 1989 as an instructor and became a full professor in 2014. Dr. Larson received her BA in 1984 from CCSU, her Master's and Ph.D. from UConn. She is currently the serving in the elected position of Honors Program Director and has served in that capacity multiple times. She is also involved in the Center for Teaching and Innovation and serves as the faculty liaison for First Year Experience. Outside of teaching, she creates public events, that attract K-12 partners, CCSU students and faculty, and the community.

Chair Ira Bloom called for a motion to approve the CSU Professor Nomination. On a motion by Regent James McCarthy, and second by Regent Juanita James, a vote was taken, and the CSU Professor Nomination was approved unanimously.

4. Informational Items

- a. Below Threshold
 - i. English-Spanish Translation – Certificate – Central CT State University
 - ii. Spanish for Health Professionals – Certificate – Central CT State University
 - iii. Biomolecular Sciences – B.S. to M.S. Accelerated 4+1 Concentration – Central CT State University
 - iv. Music – B.A. – Central CT State University [Modification of Courses / Course Substitutions]

v. Music – B.A. – Central CT State University [Addition of a Concentration]

Regent Ira Bloom made a comment that 4.a.iv and. v are connected to the previously approved modification.

vi. Art and Design – B.A. – Southern CT State University

b. Update – ECSU Nursing Program – Shared Governance Process

Dr. William Salka, Provost and Vice President, Academic Affairs provided his apologies for preemptively submitting the Nursing program proposal prior to the program undergoing its campus processing. He also acknowledged Professor Sesanker for identifying this. He stated that this will not be done in the future, and that all new programs will go through the entire campus governance process prior to submittal. He confirmed that the program was unanimously approved by the campus Senate on April 18th, and that the department is currently interviewing candidates for the Director, Associate Director, and Clinical Coordinator. Upon approval by the full board in May, the anticipated start of program enrollment is the Fall term.

Chair Ira Bloom inquired where transfer students will begin in the program, and if it is evaluated per case.

It was confirmed that this depends on the number of credits the student has earned. An RN will begin the program in the clinical, but if a student needs other courses for the program, they will be taken at ECSU.

Chair Ira Bloom made comment that the new program proposal form has been revised to include confirmation of campus level approval.

c. Community College Promotion and Tenures

d. Emeritus Awards

i. Southern CT State University

Regent Richard Porth appreciated the opportunity to recognize talent and excellence across the system for faculty and students. He also extended his congratulations to all recognized.

Regent Juanita James commented that she recently connected with Regent Budd, and she sends her regards.

Chair Ira Bloom called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion by Regent James McCarthy and second by Regent Richard Porth, a vote was taken, and the motion to adjourn was passed unanimously at 10:16 a.m.

If any member of the public is unable to attend the meeting in real-time due to a lack of physical location or electronic equipment, they may request assistance by email to PHelen@commnet.edu at least 24 hours before the meeting.