

CT BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING - TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2016
VIA TELECONFERENCE ORIGINATING FROM CSCU SYSTEM OFFICE
RM 123, 39 WOODLAND STREET, HARTFORD, CT

REGENTS PARTICIPATING

Nicholas M. Donofrio, Chair
Yvette Meléndez, Vice Chair
Stephen J. Adair*
Lawrence J. DeNardis
Matt Fleury
Merle W. Harris
Scott D. Jackson*

David R. Jimenez
William J. McGurk
Holly M. Palmer
JoAnn H. Price
Barbara E. Richards*
Catherine H. Smith*
Elease E. Wright

REGENTS ABSENT

Richard J. Balducci
Naomi K. Cohen
Raul Pino*

Gordon Plouffe
Dianna R. Wentzell*

**ex-officio, non-voting member*

CSCU SYSTEM STAFF & UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE PRESIDENTS

Mark E. Ojakian, President
Alice Pritchard, Chief of Staff
Estela Lopez, interim Provost & Senior Vice President, Academic and Student Affairs
John Clark, President, Western Connecticut State University
Sean Bradbury, Legislative Program Manager
Erin A. Fitzgerald, Associate Director of Board Affairs/BOR Secretary
Karen Stone, Director of Internal Audit
Ernestine Y. Weaver, Counsel

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Donofrio called the meeting to order at 9:01 am and, following roll call, declared a quorum present.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chairman Donofrio called for a motion to adopt the meeting agenda. On **a motion by Regent Harris, seconded by Regent DeNardis, the Agenda was unanimously adopted as presented.**

BOR CHAIRMAN NICHOLAS DONOFRIO

Chairman Donofrio thanked everyone for participating and advised that the sessions with the Faculty and Student Advisory Committees had been rescheduled to the September meeting, responsive to requests from the committee seeking additional time to present. Chairman Donofrio noted that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the full Board was scheduled for June 16 at 61 Woodland Street, Hartford.

CSCU SYSTEM PRESIDENT MARK E. OJAKIAN

President Ojakian provided an update on several topics including legislative issues, upcoming state budget deliberations, the Board's spending plan hearings scheduled for May 9, 10 and 11, the status of the CCSU and SCSU presidential searches and the end of academic year events such as award ceremonies and commencements

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Regent McGurk, seconded by Regent DeNardis, the [April 7, 2016 Regular meeting minutes](#) were unanimously approved as submitted.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Donofrio called for a motion on the Consent Agenda. **On a motion by Regent Melendez, seconded by Regent Wright, the Consent Agenda was unanimously adopted.** The following Agenda items were approved on consent:

Terminations

- Electrical – Cert – Middlesex CC
- Multimedia Studies – AA – Manchester CC
- Physical Therapist Assistant – AS – Manchester CC
- Taxation – Cert – Manchester CC
- Sustainable Energy – Cert – Manchester CC
- Supply Chain Management – Cert – Manchester CC
- Polysomnography – Cert – Manchester CC

Modifications

- Data Security Specialist – AS – Gateway CC
- General Automotive Tech – AAS + Cert – Gateway CC
- Mobile Application Development – AS – Gateway CC

Accreditation

- Veterinary Technology AS – Norwalk CC

New Programs

- Interdisciplinary Studies – BA – Western CSU
- Automotive Technology – Honda PACT – AAS and Certificate – Gateway CC
- Biotechnology – BS – Southern CSU
- Construction Management - Certificate – Capital CC

CSU Promotion and Tenure

Appointment to William A. O'Neill Endowed Chair – Central CSU

RESOLUTIONS APPROVED ON CONSENT:

Terminations

Electrical – Cert – Middlesex CC

RESOLVED: That the Board of Regents for Higher Education approve the **termination** of a program in Electrical leading to a Certificate (C2) at Middlesex Community College effective July 1, 2016

Multimedia Studies – AA – Manchester CC

RESOLVED: That the Board of Regents for Higher Education approve the **termination** of a program in Multimedia Studies leading to an Associate of Arts degree at Manchester Community College with a phase-out period until May 30, 2017

Physical Therapist Assistant – AS – Manchester CC

Taxation – Cert – Manchester CC

Sustainable Energy – Cert – Manchester CC

Supply Chain Management – Cert – Manchester CC

Polysomnography – Cert – Manchester CC

RESOLVED: That the Board of Regents for Higher Education approve the **terminations** of the five programs listed below at Manchester Community College effective May 30, 2016:

- **Physical Therapist Assistant – Associate of Science degree**
- **Taxation – Certificate (C2)**
- **Sustainable Energy – Certificate (C2)**
- **Supply Chain Management – Certificate (C1)**
- **Polysomnography – Certificate (C2)**

Modifications

Data Security Specialist – AS – Gateway CC

RESOLVED: That the Board of Regents for Higher Education approve the modification of a program in Data Security Specialist leading to an Associate of Science degree at Gateway Community College changing the name to Computer Science: Data Security Specialist.

General Automotive Tech – AAS + Cert – Gateway CC

RESOLVED: That the Board of Regents for Higher Education approve the modification of a program in General Automotive Technology at Gateway Community College changing the name to Comprehensive Automotive Repair and Service (CARS) for both the Associate of Applied Science degree and the Certificate.

Mobile Application Development – AS – Gateway CC

RESOLVED: That the Board of Regents for Higher Education approve the modification of a program in Mobile Application Development leading to an Associate of Science degree at Gateway Community College changing the name to Computer Science: Mobile Application Development

Accreditation

Veterinary Technology AS – Norwalk CC

RESOLVED: That the Board of Regents for Higher Education approve **accreditation** of a program in Veterinary Technology leading to an Associate of Science degree at Norwalk Community College for a period of time concurrent with institutional accreditation noting that the college will modify the program to correspond to the normalization policy.

New Programs

Interdisciplinary Studies – BA – Western CSU

RESOLVED: That the Board of Regents for Higher Education approve the **licensure and accreditation of a new program** in Interdisciplinary Studies leading to a Bachelor of Arts degree (BA) at Western Connecticut State University for a period of time concurrent with institutional accreditation.

Automotive Technology – Honda PACT – AAS and Certificate – Gateway CC

RESOLVED: That the Board of Regents for Higher Education approve the **licensure of a program** in Automotive Technology – Honda PACT at Gateway Community College for a period of three years until May 30, 2019, leading to an Associate of Applied Science degree, and a Certificate.

Biotechnology – BS – Southern CSU

RESOLVED: That the Board of Regents for Higher Education approve the **licensure of a program** in Biotechnology leading to a Bachelor of Science degree at Southern Connecticut State University for a period of three years until May 30, 2019.

Construction Management - Certificate – Capital CC

RESOLVED: That the Board of Regents for Higher Education approve the licensure of a program in Construction Management leading to a Certificate at Capital Community College for a period of three years until May 30, 2019.

CSU Promotion and Tenure

RESOLVED: That the Board of Regents for Higher Education approve the 2016 promotions and tenures recommended by the Connecticut State University presidents (See Attachment A hereto).

Appointment to William A. O'Neill Endowed Chair – Central CSU

RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents for Higher Education designates Mr. Donald DeFronzo to fill the Governor William A. O'Neill Endowed Chair in Public Policy and Practical Politics at Central Connecticut State University, to begin service on June 1, 2016. (See Attachment B hereto).

ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

No report or action items for Board consideration.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

No report or action items for Board consideration.

FINANCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

No report or action items for Board consideration.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

No report or action items for Board consideration.

HUMAN RESOURCES AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

No report or action items for Board consideration.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

No report or action items for Board consideration.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Regent Wright seconded by Regent McGurk, the meeting adjourned at 9:16 am.

Submitted,

Erin A. Fitzgerald, Associate Director, Office of Board Affairs
Secretary of the CT Board of Regents for Higher Education

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CT BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING May 10, 2016
originating from Room 123, 39 Woodland St., Hartford, CT

Attachments to Minutes and Meeting Handouts/ Presentations

Posted online at <http://www.ct.edu/regents/minutes>

- A. CSU Promotion and Tenure**
- B. Appointment to William A. O'Neill Endowed Chair CCSU**

ITEM

Approval of the 2016 promotions and tenures recommended by the Connecticut State University presidents.

SUMMARY

In accordance with the CSU-AAUP Collective Bargaining Agreement, the Board awards promotion and tenure to state university faculty. The contract prescribes a thorough, multi-level review process at the campus and recommendations that are forwarded to the Board have been approved by the university president and provost. The Board of Regents acts on the presidents' recommendations. The letters of recommendation are attached.

4/29/2016 – Academic and Student Affairs Committee

5/10/2016 – Board of Regents



M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Mark E. Ojakian
President, Connecticut Board of Regents for Higher Education

FROM: Jack Miller 
President, Central Connecticut State University

DATE: April 19, 2016

SUBJECT: Promotion and Tenure

I am pleased to present my recommendations for instructional faculty promotion and tenure to be effective with the Academic Year 2016-17:

To Professor:

Fiona Pearson, Sociology
Paul Petterson, Political Science
Rebecca Wood, Psychological Science
Monique Durant, Accounting
Cheryl Crespi, Accounting
Sean Walsh, Physical Education & Human Performance
Roger Bilisoly, Mathematical Sciences
James Mulrooney, Biomolecular Sciences
Oscar Perdomo, Mathematical Sciences
Michael Wizevich, Geological Sciences
Shuju Wu, Computer Electronics & Graphics Technology

To Associate Professor:

Garfield Blake, Economics
Paramita Dhar, Economics
Mathew Foust, Philosophy
Julie Schnobrich-Davis, Criminology & Criminal Justice
Thomas Zimmer, Design

To Assistant Professor:

Yonty Friesem, Communication

Anurag Rimzhim, Psychological Science

To Coach IV:

Eric Blake, Athletics

To Associate Librarian:

Steven Bernstein, Library

The following will be granted tenure:

Darren Sweeney, Journalism

- Paramita Dhar, Economics

- Julie Schnobrich-Davis, Criminology & Criminal Justice

Jared Ragusett, Economics

Christina Robinson, Economics

Harold Vedeler, History

- Thomas Zumner, Design

Jill Espelin, Nursing

Nancy Peer, Nursing

Namhun Lee, Manufacturing & Construction Management

Chad Williams, Computer Science

- Shuju Wu, Computer Electronics & Graphics Technology

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Office of the President

DATE: April 14, 2016

TO: Mark Ojakian
President of the Board of Regents

FROM: Elsa M. Núñez 
President

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROMOTION AND TENURE

I recommend the following individuals for promotion and/or tenure for action by the Board of Regents at its May meeting. The effective date for all actions is August 22, 2016.

For Tenure:

Dr. Wayne F. Buck, Business Administration Department
Dr. Martin Mendoza-Botelho, Political Science, Philosophy and Geography Department
Dr. Meredith J. Metcalf, Environmental Earth Science Department
Ms. Kristen Morgan, Performing Arts (Theatre) Department
Dr. Niti Pandey, Business Administration Department

For Promotion to the rank of Professor, in rank order:

Dr. Jamel Otswald, History Department
Dr. Benjamin Pauley, English Department
Dr. Ricardo Perez, Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work Department

For Promotion to the rank of Associate Professor, in rank order:

Dr. Meredith J. Metcalf, Environmental Earth Science Department
Dr. Garrett M. Dancik, Mathematics and Computer Science Department
Dr. Martin Mendoza-Botelho, Political Science, Philosophy and Geography Department
Dr. Niti Pandey, Business Administration Department
Dr. Mehdi Khorami, Mathematics and Computer Science Department
Ms. Kristen Morgan, Performing Arts (Theatre) Department

For Promotion to the rank of Librarian, in rank order:

Ms. Sandra Rosado, Library Services

Ms. Carol Reichardt, Library Services

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cc: Dr. Estela Lopez, Interim Provost & Senior VP Academic & Student Affairs
Ms. Maureen McClay, Executive Assistant, Academic Affairs



**Southern Connecticut
State University**

Mary A. Papazian, Ph.D.
PRESIDENT

April 15, 2016

Office of the President
Connecticut Board of Regents

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Connecticut Board of Regents

Mr. Mark Ojakian
President, Board of Regents for Higher Education
Connecticut State Colleges and Universities
39 Woodland Street
Hartford, CT 06105-2237

Dear Mr. Ojakian:

The following are my recommendations for Promotion and Tenure, which will be effective August 22, 2016:

TENURE

Dr. Sousan Arafeh (Educational Leadership)
Dr. Charles Baraw (English)
Dr. Kelly Bordner (Psychology)
Dr. Aaron Clark (Mathematics)
Dr. Miranda Dunbar (Biology)
Dr. Jess Gregory (Educational Leadership)

Dr. Elizabeth Roberts (Biology)
Dr. Marie McDaniel (History)
Dr. Marie Nabbout-Cheiban (Mathematics)
Dr. Regine Randall (Special Education and Reading)
Dr. William Rowe (Social Work)
Dr. Stephen Tomczak (Social Work)

PROMOTION

From Assistant to Associate Professor:

Dr. Sousan Arafeh (Educational Leadership)
Dr. Charles Baraw (English)
Dr. Kelly Bordner (Psychology)
Dr. Jess Gregory (Educational Leadership)
Dr. Mark Groskreutz (Special Education and Reading)

Dr. Marie McDaniel (History)
Dr. Marie Nabbout-Cheiban (Mathematics)
Dr. Elizabeth Roberts (Biology)
Dr. Stephen Tomczak (Social Work)

From Associate to Full Professor:

Dr. Amal Abd El-Raouf (Computer Science)
Dr. Aaron Clark (Mathematics)
Dr. Robert Forbus (Marketing)
Dr. Misty Ginicola (Counseling and School Psychology)

Dr. Christine Unson (Public Health)
Dr. Xiaomei Yang (Philosophy)

Promotion to Coach II:

Joseph Van Gilder (Athletics)

Promotion to Coach IV:

Kelley Frassinelli (Athletics)

M. Ojakian
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Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,




Mary A. Papazian
President

cc: J. Bailey, SCSU Chief of Staff
E. Durnin, SCSU Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
DR. JOHN B. CLARK

To: Mark E. Ojakian
President
Board of Regents for Higher Education
Connecticut State Colleges & Universities

From: Dr. John B. Clark 

Date: December 4, 2015

Re: Tenure Recommendation

I support and concur with Provost Jane Gates's recommendation that Dr. Stavros Christofi from our Mathematics Department be awarded tenure.


c: F. Cratty, Assoc. V.P. for Human Resources
J. Gates, Provost/V.P. for Academic Affairs
J. Hamer, Chair, Mathematics Dept.
M. Alexander, Dean, Macricostas School of Arts & Sciences
W. Petkanas, Chair, Promotion & Tenure Committee



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

DR. JOHN B. CLARK

To: Mark E. Ojakian
President
Connecticut State Colleges & Universities

From: Dr. John B. Clark 

Date: March 24, 2016

Re: WCSU Promotion & Tenure Recommendations

I support and concur with the recommendations of Provost Jane Gates that the following faculty members receive promotion and tenure:

Tenure

Neeta Connally
Divya Sharma
Bozena Padykula
Monica Sousa
Catherine Vanaria

Promotion to Professor

Terrence Dwyer
Donald Gagnon
Leslie Lindenauer
Michael Nolan
Joan Palladino

Promotion to Associate Professor

Neeta Connally
Chin-Wen Huang
Monica Sousa

Promotion to Coach IV

Heather Stone


c: F. Cratty, Human Resources
J. Gates, Academic Affairs
W. Petkanas, Promotion & Tenure Committee



M E M O R A N D U M

Via Facsimile

TO: Mark Ojakian
President, Connecticut Board of Regents for Higher Education

FROM: Dr. Jack Miller 
President

DATE: March 22, 2016

SUBJECT: Recommendation to Appoint Donald DeFronzo to the Governor William A. O'Neill
Endowed Chair in Public Policy and Practical Politics

I am writing to request approval from the Connecticut Board of Regents for Higher Education to appoint Mr. Donald DeFronzo, of New Britain, Connecticut, to succeed the late Senator Eileen Daily as holder of the Governor William A. O'Neill Endowed Chair in Public Policy and Practical Politics at Central Connecticut State University.

Following a national search, the O'Neill Chair Search Committee recommended the appointment of Mr. DeFronzo unanimously.

The O'Neill Endowed Chair is housed in the Center for Public Policy and Social Research (CPPSR), which has been duly designated as a Connecticut Higher Education Center of Excellence. This appointment will be as a State of Connecticut re-employed retiree for a period of one year, renewable yearly at CCSU's discretion, for up to two additional separate and distinct one-year terms.

This proposed appointment, which has my full support, has been reviewed and recommended by the Chair of the CCSU Department of Political Science, the Executive Director of CPPSR, the Dean of the Carol A. Ammon College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences, and the CCSU Provost.

Mr. Donald DeFronzo has had a professional career in public service spanning the last forty years.

A lifelong student of public policy, he earned a Master's Degree in Public Affairs (MPA) from the University of Connecticut in 1976, which he has characterized as an "asset" that has "helped inform" his "engagement in a wide range of public policy issues over the years."

Mr. DeFronzo has served as Mayor of the City of New Britain, Connecticut, as executive director of a large regional non-profit human service agency (HRA of New Britain), as president of a large public

employees union, as a State Senator in Connecticut's General Assembly and as a Commissioner in Governor Malloy's administration.

This highly varied experience in policy development encompasses both the public and non -profit arenas, leadership positions representing both management and labor, and service in both executive and legislative branches of government. The duties of the O'Neill Chair would give him the opportunity to share this breadth of experience, perspective and knowledge with CCSU students, to collaborate with CCSU faculty and to assist the public policy outreach work of the Center to state and municipal policymakers, and to the public at large.

As Senate Chair of the Legislature's Government Administration and Elections Committee from 2003 to 2007, Mr. DeFronzo sponsored and helped to write Connecticut's nationally recognized campaign finance reform legislation, successfully sought reforms to state contracting and ethics policies, and helped modernize Connecticut's election system. This is a policy area he is interested in pursuing with our students and faculty.

Also in his legislative career, as Chair of the Finance Committee's Bonding Sub Committee, Mr. DeFronzo helped give direction and oversight to the state's capital spending plan. As Senate Chair of the Transportation Committee from 2008 to 2011 he dealt firsthand with Connecticut's longstanding and difficult transportation issues.

As Commissioner of Connecticut's Department of Administrative Services, DeFronzo was responsible for procurement, construction projects, leasing and property acquisition, fleet operations and personnel policy for the state. Under his watch, government efficiency initiatives resulted in an estimated \$60 million of savings to the state of Connecticut.

Mr. DeFronzo possesses a great depth of public policy experience that will certainly enrich our campus community. He will connect students and faculty to resources that will greatly support the O'Neill Endowed Chair's emphasis on practical politics, as intended by the CSU BOT creation of the Chair in 2000, and by the BOT appointment of Governor O'Neill as the first holder of the Chair (2000 – 2007).

As the O'Neill Chair Holder, Mr. DeFronzo's responsibilities would consist of:

- instructing a class, to be determined in consultation with the Political Science Department, with targeted start of fall 2016;
- addressing issues of public policy and practical politics through public lectures and by organizing and participating in campus forums;
- guest lecturing in state/local government or other relevant classes in which special expertise is held by the Chair Holder;
- arranging for policymakers to address CCSU students and faculty as guest speakers;
- facilitating University collaborations with state governmental leadership on policy initiatives;
- mentoring students, especially those with a public service career path;
- supporting CPPSR outreach and programming (Veterans History Project, training of public servants, legislative forums, Confucius Institute, etc.).

I have attached a copy of Mr. DeFronzo's résumé for your review. Thank you for considering this recommendation, which I would appreciate you forwarding to the Board of Regents for approval.