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 the **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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Attachments to Minutes and Meeting Handouts/Presentations

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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.
MEMORANDUM

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 Zummer, 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 Zummer, 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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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
April 15, 2016

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)
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
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.  

cc: 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
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
MEMORANDUM

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.