

BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Student Center, Alumni Ballroom
Central Connecticut State University, New Britain, CT

MEETING MINUTES

October 4, 2011

REGENTS PRESENT

Lewis J. Robinson, Chairman
Merle W. Harris
Gary Holloway
Craig S. Lappen
René Lerer

Glenn Marshall
Jewel Mullen
Catherine H. Smith
Zac Zeitlin

REGENTS ABSENT :

Lawrence J. DeNardis
Matt Fleury

Yvette Meléndez
Stefan Pryor

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT

Robert A. Kennedy, interim President, Board of Regents for Higher Education
Michael P. Meotti, Executive Vice President, Board of Regents for Higher Education
Braden J. Hosch, Ph.D., Board of Regents for Higher Education
Louise H. Feroe, Acting Chancellor, Connecticut State University System
Wilfredo Nieves, President, Capital Community College
Dorsey L. Kendrick, President, Gateway Community College
Anita T. Gliniecki, President, Housatonic Community College
Gena Glickman, President, Manchester Community College
Anna M. Wasescha, President, Middlesex Community College
Daisy Cocco De Filippis, President, Naugatuck Valley Community College
Patricia Bouffard, Dean, Academic & Student Affairs, Northwestern Connecticut Community College
David L. Levinson, President, Norwalk Community College
Ross Tomlin, President, Quinebaug Valley Community College
Stephen Goetchius, Dean, Information Technology, Three Rivers Community College
Cathryn L. Addy, President, Tunxis Community College
Ed Klonoski, President, Charter Oak State College
John W. Miller, President, Central Connecticut State University
Elsa M. Núñez, President, Eastern Connecticut State University
Stanley F. Battle, Interim President, Southern Connecticut State University
James W. Schmotter, President, Western Connecticut State University

CALL TO ORDER

Following roll call and announcement of emergency exits, Chairman Robinson called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m., declaring a quorum present.

REPORT OF BOARD OF REGENTS CHAIRMAN ROBINSON

Chairman Robinson expressed his appreciation to the members of the Board of Regents for their willingness to serve and noted that he looked forward to being joined by those individuals to be named by Governor Malloy and the Speaker of the House, as well by the chair and vice chair of the Student Advisory Committee to the Board. The Chairman shared some of his observations since being appointed to the Board of Regents, stating that the organization was off to a terrific start and that he looked forward to working with Dr. Kennedy, interim President of the Board of Regents. Chairman Robinson noted that appointments to the Board were impressive consisting of top tier educators, successful business leaders, outstanding administrators, healthcare professionals, attorneys, and a former U.S. Congressman. A key task of the Board, the Chairman said, would be to prepare more students to meet the challenges of the 21st Century in a truly global economy, working with our partners in the various colleges and universities, along with outside experts and consultants, to bring innovative best practices to Connecticut. The Chairman noted this would be achieved all in the context of an emphasis on critical thinking, problem solving, collaboration, adaptability, effective communication, accessing and analyzing information, and curiosity and imagination.

REPORT OF BOARD OF REGENTS INTERIM PRESIDENT ROBERT KENNEDY

President Kennedy reported that he had been tremendously impressed by his experiences and observations in Connecticut upon his arrival and that his knowledge of Connecticut and the new higher education system increases almost exponentially. He expressed an appreciation for “what we have here” in terms of talent, student, facilities and opportunities. President Kennedy advised the Board of his plans to visit each of the universities and colleges, along with his plans to meet with members of the various business communities. Referencing his background as a biologist, Dr. Kennedy noted that while the new governing structure could be thought of as creating something “de novo” (fresh, anew, from the beginning), it has the benefit of the great history, traditions and accomplishments of the institutions and excellent leadership and professionalism on the campuses (through the presidents) and in the BOR offices. President Kennedy then asked members of the BOR staff to provide brief reports as follows: 1) BOR Executive Vice President Michael P. Meotti provided an overview of the newly organized higher education governing structure and the timeframe for implementation thereof as outlined within Public Act 11-48 as amended by Public Act 11-61; 2) Braden J. Hosch, Ph.D., provided an overview of financial and institutional data for the universities, colleges and system, which was

provided to the Regents; and 3) Erin Fitzgerald provided an overview of the contents of the Regents Handbook.

PROPOSED BYLAWS

Proposed board bylaws were provided with Chairman Robinson asking the board members to review and offer any input for consideration prior to adoption at the November 2, 2011 meeting.

2012 MEETING SCHEDULE

Following discussion initiated by Merle Harris concerning the adequacy of the proposed number of meetings (six) and Chairman Robinson noting that meetings could be added if deemed necessary, the 2012 meeting schedule was accepted as noted below (meetings are all on the 3rd Thursday of the month, 10:00 a.m., locations to be determined).

- January 19, 2012
- March 15, 2012
- May 17, 2012
- June 21, 2012
- October 18, 2012
- November 15, 2012

RATIFICATION OF CONSTITUENT UNIT ACTION

Chairman Robinson noted that as EVP Meotti advised in his remarks, the Board of Regents must ratify any action taken by the existing boards of the Connecticut State University System, the Connecticut Community Technical Colleges System and the Board of State Academic Awards for Charter Oak College. **Craig Lappen moved that the Board of Regents for Higher Education ratifies the actions taken by the governing boards of the constituent units on the following dates (listed below): September 15, 2011 – Connecticut State University System; September 19, 2011 – Community Technical College System; and September 22, 2011 – Board for State Academic Awards/Charter Oak. Merle Harris seconded and the motion passed unanimously**

September 15, 2011 – Connecticut State University System (BOR binder pages 8-93)

- Approval of Minutes (May 31, 2011, June 23, 2011, August 17, 2011)
- Licensure & Accreditation of BA in Women's and Gender Studies – ECSU
- Licensure & Accreditation of BS in Finance – ECSU
- Renewal Reports for Centers & Institutes
 - CCSU Hospitality & Tourism Institute

- ECSU Center for Early Childhood Education
- SCSU Center for Adaptive Technology
- SCSU Center for Community & School Action Research
- SCSU Center for Computing & Society
- SCSU Center for Environment
- WCSU Center for Excellence in Learning & Teaching
- Discontinuance of Centers and Institutes
 - SCSU Louis & Joan M. Sirico Center for Elders & Families
- Endowed Chair Annual Reports
- Tuition and Fee Waiver Authorizations
- FY2011-12 Institutional Spending Plans and Authorized Expenditure Levels for Mgmt/Conf. Professional Personnel and SUOAF-AFSCME Administrators – CSUS
- Purchase of Equipment Used for Research Purposes, Library Media and Library Books – CSUS
- Resolution Honoring John A. Doyle
- Resolution In Memoriam Honoring James E. Dyer
- Gift of Real Property from ECSU Foundation to ECSU

September 19, 2011 – Community Technical College System (BOR binder pages 94 – 121)

- Consent Agenda – Reclassification – (Better-Northwestern CC)
- Process for Appeal of Termination for Special Reasons
- Authorization for Acquisition of Property – Tunxis CC
- Confirmation of Community College Degrees and Certificates Conferred 2010-2011
- Termination of the Banking Associate in Science Degree Program – Middlesex CC
- Approval of Women 's Studies (Stand-alone) Certificate Program – Three Rivers CC
- Approval of a Business Information Systems Core Certificate Program – Three Rivers CC
- Approval of an Accounting Core Certificate Program – Three Rivers CC
- Approval of a Marketing Core Certificate Program – Three Rivers CC
- Approval of a Business Management Core Certificate Program – Three Rivers CC

September 22, 2011 – Board for State Academic Awards/Charter Oak (BOR binder pages 122 – 172)

- Approval of Minutes (July 28, 2011 and August 11, 2011)
- Conferral of Degrees (11-27)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Robinson requested a motion to move to Executive Session for discussion of a personnel matter. Rene Lerer so moved; Merle Harris seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously, with the Board entering into Executive Session at 11:05 a.m.

Chairman Robinson asked that Toby Bates, staff to the Board of Regents for Higher Education, join the Board in Executive Session and that no votes would be cast during Executive Session.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to public session at 11:40 a.m., with Chairman Robinson announcing that no votes were taken in Executive Session and discussion was limited to the employment contract dated September 7, 2011, between Dr. Robert A. Kennedy and the Board of Regents for Higher Education.

ADDITION TO AGENDA – EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT WITH DR. ROBERT A. KENNEDY

Chairman Robinson requested a motion to add to the agenda, the September 7, 2011, employment contract between Dr. Robert A. Kennedy and the Board of Regents for Higher Education. Gary Holloway so moved, with a second Rene Lerer; the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Robinson requested a motion that the Board of Regents for Higher Education authorizes Chairman Lewis Robinson to sign the employment contract with Dr. Robert A. Kennedy dated September 7, 2011, on behalf of the Board of Regents for Higher Education. Rene Lerer so moved, with a second by Gary Holloway; the motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Merle Harris moved to adjourn; Craig Lappen seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin A. Fitzgerald

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Chairman Robinson called the executive session to order at 11:10 a.m., reminding Trustees that the Executive Session was for discussion purposes only and limited to the September 7, 2011 employment contract of Dr. Robert A. Kennedy.

Discussion ensued. The Committee returned to open session at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin A. Fitzgerald