

**BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION  
CT STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES (CSUS)  
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING – 10 AM, FEBRUARY 1, 2018  
Conducted via teleconference originating from  
SYSTEM OFFICE, BOR Boardroom, 61 WOODLAND STREET, HARTFORD, CT**

<b>REGENTS – ATTENDANCE (Y = yes / N = no)</b>	
Matt Fleury, Chair	Y
Yvette Meléndez, Vice Chair <i>via teleconf</i>	Y
Richard J. Balducci	No
Aviva D. Budd <i>via teleconf</i>	Y
Naomi K. Cohen	Y
Lawrence J. DeNardis	No
Felice Gray-Kemp <i>via teleconf</i>	Y
Merle W. Harris <i>via teleconf</i>	Y
David R. Jimenez <i>via teleconf</i>	Y
William J. McGurk	Y
JoAnn H. Price	N
Elease E. Wright <i>via teleconf</i>	Y
Hector Navarro, SAC Chair <i>via teleconf</i>	Y
Juan Carlos Leal, SAC Vice Chair <i>via teleconf</i>	Y
*Barbara E. Richards, FAC Chair	No
*Stephen Adair, FAC Vice Chair <i>via teleconf</i>	Y
*Scott D. Jackson, Labor Commissioner	No
*Raul Pino, Public Health Commissioner	No
*Catherine H. Smith, DECD Commissioner	No
*Dianna R. Wentzell, Education Commissioner	No
* <i>ex-officio, non-voting member</i>	

**CSCU STAFF**

Mark E. Ojakian, President  
 Alice Pritchard, Chief of Staff  
 Jane Gates, Provost & Senior Vice President, Academic and Student Affairs  
 Erika Steiner, Chief Financial Officer  
 Steve Weinberger, Vice President, Human Resources & Labor Relations  
 Sean Bradbury, Director of Government Relations

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Fleury called the meeting to order at 10:03 am and, following roll call, declared a quorum present.

### **ADOPT AGENDA**

Chairman Fleury called for a motion to adopt the meeting agenda. **On a motion by Regent Cohen and seconded by Regent McGurk, the Agenda was unanimously adopted.**

### **OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

The opportunity to address the Board was provided.

### **CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

Chairman Fleury stated that there were no actions today regarding the students first initiative. He thanked the board for their continuing investment of time, thought, concern and caring.

### **PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

President Ojakian also thanked the board and his team for their partnership and support. He reported that he had appeared before the legislature's higher education committee, stating that it is important to continue to provide information and to dispel misconceptions. He will continue to work with the legislature. He also reported that the next legislative session officially begins next week and that the Governor would be giving his budget address next Wednesday, after which we will have some additional information on where the system budget aligns. He also mentioned that there would be another opportunity to testify in front of the appropriations committee in a couple of weeks.

### **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

**On a motion by Regent Cohen, seconded by Vice Chair Melendez, the December 14, 2017 Regular meeting minutes were approved** as submitted.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Chairman Fleury called for a motion on the Consent Agenda. **On a motion by Regent Cohen, seconded by Regent McGurk, the Consent Agenda was unanimously adopted.**

The following Agenda items and accompanying resolutions were approved on consent:

a) **Terminations**

i. **Deaf Studies – AA - NWCCC**

RESOLVED: That the Board of Regents for Higher Education approve the termination of a program in Deaf Studies leading to an Associate in Arts degree at Northwest CT Community College with a phase-out period until Spring 2018.

ii. **Early Childhood Education – Certificate – TRCC**

RESOLVED: That the Board of Regents for Higher Education approve the termination of a program in Early Childhood Education leading to a Certificate at Three Rivers Community College with a phase-out period until Spring 2018.

b) **Suspensions**

i. **Justice Administration – MS – WCSU**

RESOLVED: That the Board of Regents for Higher Education approve at the request of the institution to suspend a program in Justice Administration leading to a Master of Science degree at Western CT State University for a period of not more than two years. The program must be reactivated or fully terminated by the end of the 2019-2020 academic year.

ii. **Earth and Planetary Science – MA – WCSU**

RESOLVED: That the Board of Regents for Higher Education approve at the request of the institution to suspend a program in Earth and Planetary Sciences leading to a Master of Arts degree at Western CT State University for a period of not more than two years. The program must be reactivated or fully terminated by the end of the 2019-2020 academic year.

c) **New Programs**

i. **Certified Clinical Medical Assistant – AS – TRCC**

RESOLVED: That the Board of Regents for Higher Education approve the licensure of a Certified Clinical Medical Assistant program leading to an Associate of Science degree at Three Rivers Community College for a period of three years.

ii. **Accelerated Athletic Training (3 + 2 format) – BS/MAT – SCSU**

RESOLVED: That the Board of Regents for Higher Education approve the licensure and accreditation of a program in Accelerated Athletic Training (3 + 2 format) leading to a Bachelor of Science/Masters of Athletic Training degree at Southern CT State University for a period of time concurrent with the institutional accreditation.

iii. **Athletic Training (2 year traditional format) – MAT – SCSU**

RESOLVED: That the Board of Regents for Higher Education approve the licensure and accreditation of a program in Athletic Training (traditional format) leading to a Masters of Athletic Training degree at Southern CT State University for a period of time concurrent with the institutional accreditation

**iv. Integrative Biological Diversity - MS –WCSU**

RESOLVED: That the Board of Regents for Higher Education approve the licensure and accreditation of a collaborative system-wide program in Integrative Biological Diversity leading to a Master of Science degree at Western CT State University or at the student's home campus for a period of time concurrent with the institutional accreditation.

**d) College of Technology (COT) Replication Approval Process**

RESOLVED: That the Board of Regents for Higher Education approve the replication of a College of Technology's Engineering Science or Technology Studies academic program (Associate of Science degree, certificate, and program option) or program modification previously approved by the Board of Regents for another Connecticut Community College; contingent upon a replication approval process wherein: (1) the replicating community college submits a letter of intent to the College of Technology (COT) Executive Director with an accompanying operational plan and budget from that institution's chief executive officer and/or chief academic officer; (2) the COT Executive Director forwards the replication request and an affirming recommendation to the System Provost/Senior Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, (3) the System Provost facilitates a review of the replication request by the Academic and Student Affairs Committee (ASA) of the Board of Regents, (4) the ASA recommends approval of the replication request by the Board of Regents, and (5) the Board of Regents consents to the ASA recommendation.

**e) Academic Program Review Schedule**

RESOLVED: That the Board of Regents for Higher Education ratify the schedule of academic programs undergoing program review at each CSCU institution during the 2017-18 academic year.

**f) Spring 2018 Promotion and Tenure Recommendation**

**i. CCSU – Renata Vickrey**

RESOLVED: That the Board of Regents for Higher Education approve the following Connecticut State Universities' January 2018 promotion and tenure recommendation by the institution's president: Central Connecticut State University – Renata Vickrey (Library)

**ii. WCSU – Rotua Lumbantobing**

RESOLVED: That the Board of Regents for Higher Education approve the following Connecticut State Universities' January 2018 tenure recommendation by the institution's president: Western Connecticut State University – Dr. Rotua Lumbantobing (Social Sciences Dept.)

**Chairman Fleury asked for Reports from the subcommittee Chairs:**

**ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS**

Committee Chair Merle Harris reported that there were two information items. The first, which is required by contract, are the 2018-19 State Universities' Sabbaticals. Informational only, no action needed.

The second information item is the final resolution of Normalization Review.

Committee Chair Harris explained that about 3 years ago, the Board took action on requiring all institutions to review all of their programs and then to normalize them, which means to bring them down to 60 credits at the community college level and 120 credits, at the four year institutions, unless because of accreditation requirements or the kind of program it was, additional credits are definitely needed. She thanked staff, Provost Jane Gates and Arthur Poole, Director of Educational Opportunity. Committee Chair Harris went on to explain that the process produced a very favorable outcome. There were 842 programs reviewed, all have been normalized, with most containing 60 or 120 credits, noting that 10 percent still require 64-68 credits for various reasons.

Committee Chair Harris also reported on the two meetings that the Academic & Student Affairs Committee had in January. The first was with Dr. Barbara Brittingham, President, and Dr. Patricia M. O'Brien, SND, Sr. Vice President, New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) Commission on Institutions of Higher Education (CIHE) to address questions about accreditation and substantive change. The next day, there was a regular meeting of the ASA where the executive summary of the substantive change was reviewed. There is a plan to have a special meeting of the ASA Committee on March 5<sup>th</sup>. All Board members are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

**HR & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

Committee Chair Naomi Cohen reported the committee will be meeting next Friday, Feb. 9th at 9am, as the Committee has been asked to look at the new positions in the new Community College of CT and how they will be recruited and selected.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Chairman Fleury reported there were no items for approval, noting that the committee did meet last month and in compliance with Board policy, received an annual update from CIO Joe Tolisano concerning IT risk and security.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**On a motion by Regent Cohen, seconded by Regent McGurk, the meeting adjourned at 10:39 am.**

