

BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING – WORKSHOP SESSION

9:15 a.m., Monday, April 30, 2012

Connecticut Room - Memorial Hall

Central Connecticut State University, New Britain, CT

REGENTS PRESENT

Lewis J. Robinson, Chair
Yvette Meléndez, Vice Chair
Richard J. Balducci
Naomi K. Cohen
Dr. Lawrence J. DeNardis
Nicholas M. Donofrio
Matt Fleury
Michael Fraser

Dr. Merle W. Harris
Gary Holloway
Craig S. Lappen
Dr. René Lerer
Michael E. Pollard
Catherine H. Smith*
Alex Tettey, Jr.
Zac Zeitlin

REGENTS ABSENT :

Glenn Marshall*
Jewel Mullen*

Stefan Pryor*

**Ex-Officio member*

BOR STAFF

Robert A. Kennedy, President
Michael P. Meotti, Executive Vice President
David L. Levinson, interim VP for Community Colleges/President, Norwalk Community College
Colleen Flanagan, Chief of Staff/Director of Public Affairs and Marketing
William Bowes, Chief Financial Officer
Steven Weinberger, VP for Human Resources
Elaine Clark, VP for Facilities and Infrastructure Planning
Braden J. Hosch, Director of Policy and Research
Gail Coppage, Director of Innovation and Outreach
Malia Sieve, Associate Director, Policy & Research / Project Manager, P-20 Council
Jan R. Kiehne, Senior Consultant, Policy & Research
Erin A. Fitzgerald, Associate Director for Board Affairs/Board Secretary

GUESTS

Kartik Jayaram, McKinsey & Company
Martha C. A. Laboissière, McKinsey & Company
Elaine Kuttner, Cambridge Concord Associates

CALL TO ORDER

Following roll call, Chairman Robinson called the meeting to order at 9:25 a.m., declaring a quorum present.

Following remarks from both BOR Chairman Lewis Robinson and BOR President Kennedy, Dr. Kartik Jayaram and Dr. Martha Laboissière, of McKinsey & Company, provided a presentation to the Board based upon their 2010 report “Winning by degrees: the strategies of highly productive higher-education institutions.” The full report is available online at <http://mckinseysociety.com/winning-by-degrees/>;

BOR Chief Financial Officer William Bowes provided an overview of ConnSCU System financials to the Board. The presentation, led by CFO William Bowes, with the input of BOR Finance & Administration Committee Chair Gary Holloway, and commentary from Steven Weinberger, BOR Vice President for Human Resources, regarding labor and collective bargaining issues, is available online at <http://ctregents.org/files/pdfs/presentation-finance-april2012.pdf>

During a working lunch, Catherine Smith, ex-officio member of the Board of Regents and Commissioner of Economic & Community Development for the State of Connecticut, provided an overview on Connecticut’s strategy for economic development.

Following lunch, the Board participated in a discussion on strategic planning facilitated by Elaine Kuttner of Cambridge Concord Associates.

Upon conclusion of the strategic planning discussion, Chairman Robinson indicated he anticipated calling for the formation of a Strategic Planning Committee in May and asked members if they were interested to let him know.

ADJOURNMENT

Lawrence DeNardis moved to adjourn; Alex Tettey seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Submitted,

Erin A. Fitzgerald