

BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

CT Science Center, Science Hall, 2nd Floor, Hartford, CT

MEETING MINUTES

November 2, 2011

REGENTS PRESENT

Lewis J. Robinson, Chairman
Lawrence J. DeNardis
Matt Fleury
Merle W. Harris
Gary Holloway

Craig S. Lappen
Glenn Marshall
Yvette Meléndez
Catherine H. Smith
Zac Zeitlin

REGENTS ABSENT :

Jewel Mullen
René Lerer

Stefan Pryor

STAFF PRESENT

Robert A. Kennedy, interim President, Board of Regents for Higher Education
Michael P. Meotti, Executive Vice President, Board of Regents for Higher Education
Louise H. Feroe, CSUS Acting Chancellor

CALL TO ORDER

Following roll call and announcement of emergency exits, Chairman Robinson called the meeting to order at 3:10 P.M., declaring a quorum present.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by Lawrence DeNardis, with a second by Merle Harris, the meeting minutes of October 4, 2011, were unanimously approved.

REPORT OF BOARD OF REGENTS CHAIRMAN ROBINSON

Chairman Robinson thanked Dr. Terrence MacTaggart for his work facilitating the Board of Regents Workshop. . The Chairman noted that members of the Board of Regents were looking forward to the presence of the students on the Board of Regents, pending election of a chair and vice chair to the Student Advisory Committee. Chairman Robinson stated that both he and President Kennedy have been continuing the visits to the universities and colleges. He expressed his appreciation for the university and college presidents' efforts to showcase their individual campuses and requested that a copy of all invitations extended to the Board be copied to Erin Fitzgerald in the Board Office. The Chairman indicated he would not be moving the bylaws forward for action on today's agenda and anticipated that this would be brought forward for action at the December 20, 2011 meeting of the Board of Regents, following additional review by staff and with consultation with Merle Harris

Chairman Robinson noted the following Regents would serve as Chairs of the various committees:

- Gary Holloway, Finance and Administration Committee
- Merle Harris, Academic and Student Affairs Committee
- Craig Lappen, Audit Committee

REPORT OF BOARD OF REGENTS INTERIM PRESIDENT ROBERT KENNEDY

President Kennedy reported he has continued on the tour of our colleges and universities and meetings with community leaders, noting that he remains impressed by all that we have here in Connecticut: impressed by what we have and by the opportunity for growth that exists.

President Kennedy referenced an op-ed published in the Hartford Courant in which he noted that "Since arriving in Connecticut last month I am learning the state has tremendous business, education and community assets. What we need to do more of is break down the silos — between individual institutions and between higher education and business. That is why the state's higher education reorganization — which brings together four state universities, 12 state colleges and online Charter Oak State College — has so much potential.

There is extraordinary potential here, and pockets of excellence to build on. The organization of economic/business clusters in Connecticut is as impressive as any I have seen in the nation and he stated that the Board of Regents can play a significant role. But we must develop stronger and new alliances. We must scale up programs that are working, which is where the reorganization can be a huge plus."

President Kennedy announced the following two new recent hires:

Colleen Flanagan as Director of Public Affairs and Marketing for the Board of Regents for Higher Education, effective December 2. Colleen serves currently as Director of Communications for Governor Malloy and, as such, acts as a principal spokesperson for his administration. Her prior experience includes membership on the leadership teams of two United States Senators, a Presidential candidate, and numerous state legislators. In her new position, Colleen will become a member of President Kennedy's Executive Staff and be responsible for directing the Regents' communications program, as well as managing a coordinated marketing effort on behalf of the four State Universities, twelve Community-Technical Colleges, and Charter Oak College. Colleen is a graduate of UConn, where she received a bachelor's degree in journalism and public relations.

Steven Weinberger as Interim Vice President for Human Resources (joined the Board of Regents in mid-October). Steve has a long association with Connecticut state government, initially as a member of the professional staff in the Office of Labor Relations and, at the time of his departure after more than 20 years of service, as Director of the State Comptroller's Retirement & Benefit Services Division. During his association with the Comptroller's Office, Mr. Weinberger earned a national reputation for excellence, innovation and leadership. Since 2006, he has served as Vice President for Human Resources at the University of Maine, where I learned first-hand of his expertise as he provided strategic vision, direction and management for its human resources program. He has also been active as an educator, teaching labor relations, business law, and government at the undergraduate level.

President Kennedy noted that both Colleen and Steve bring a wealth of talent, experience and potential to the Board of Regents and he looked forward to board members having an opportunity to meet each of them in the near future.

President Kennedy referenced that every campus he has been remarkably impressed by each of the campuses he has visited, noting that they are all distinctly different, each with a different role within their community or region. He added that there are synergies and effectiveness within the institutions that can be taken advantage of going forward. He added that listening to the students and hearing of their experiences, along with the input from faculty, staff, and community leaders, would be of assistance in the Regents mission to enhance the student experience and making it better for the economic and

CONSENT CALENDAR

Chairman Robinson provided background on Consent Items and the development and review of those items prior to being placed on consent. Following the Chair's overview thereof, **Craig Lappen moved that the Board of Regents for Higher Education approve the Consent Calendar listed below; Gary Holloway seconded and the motion passed unanimously**

RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING APPROVAL OF ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

- a) Licensure
 - 1) Ed.D. in Nursing Education (SCSU and WCSU)
 - 2) S.J.D. in Law (University of Connecticut)
- b) Accreditation
 - 1) A.S. in Exercise Science (Three Rivers CC)
- c) Licensure and Accreditation
 - 1) UG Cert-Leadership of Health Care Administration (Charter Oak State College)
 - 2) UG Cert-Polysomnography (Manchester CC)
 - 3) UG Cert-Dental Assisting (Manchester CC)
 - 4) UG Cert-Property Mgmt. in Supportive & Affordable Housing (Housatonic CC)
- d) Program Modification
 - 1) D.N.P. in Nursing Practice (University of Connecticut)

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ADJOURNMENT

Prior to moving to adjourn, Lawrence DeNardis requested, and Chairman Robinson agreed, that the following items would be provided at the December 20 meeting: a briefing on Freedom of Information and Ethics regulations as well as a review and analysis of the statutory authority of the Board of Regents.

Merle Harris moved to adjourn; Lawrence DeNardis seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin A. Fitzgerald