BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

MINUTES - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE EMERGENCY MEETING

Thursday, March 26, 2020

Emergency Meeting conducted via remote participation (email)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PARTICIPATING VIA EMAIL

Matt Fleury, Chair	Y
Richard J. Balducci	Y
Naomi K. Cohen	Y
Merle W. Harris	Y
David R. Jimenez	Y
Elease E. Wright	Y

CSCU STAFF INCLUDED IN EMAIL

Mark E. Ojakian, President
Alice Pritchard, Chief of Staff
Ben Barnes, Chief Financial Officer
Keith Epstein, VP for Facilities, Real Estate & Infrastructure
Planning Ernestine Y. Weaver, Counsel
Erin A. Fitzgerald, Director of Board Affairs
Cheryl Connor, Office of Board Affairs

DISTRIBUTION OF AGENDA – NOTICE OF EMERGENCY MEETING TO MEMBERS

The agenda, including a proposed resolution and supporting documentation, was emailed to all Executive Committee members at 3:32 pm on Thursday, March 26, 2020. The agenda included the following notification:

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RESOLUTION CONCERNING EMERGENCY FACILITY USE BY THE CONNECTICUT DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY AND DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES FOR COVID-19 EMERGENCY NEEDS

Committee members were asked to respond via email with their vote (yay or nay) on the resolution listed below. All votes were received via reply email on Thursday, March 26; all votes were cast in the affirmative (see Attachment #4). The resolution will move to the full Board for ratification at the April 16, 2020, Board meeting.

While the resolution passed as presented with no amendments thereto, based on input from Regent Naomi Cohen, Counsel Ernestine Weaver will include a provision in the Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of Regents for Higher Education (BOR), the State of Connecticut Department of Administrative Services (DAS) and the State of Connecticut Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Services (DEMHS) that DEMHS will be responsible for sanitizing the facilities upon termination.

- WHEREAS, On March 10, 2020 Governor Ned Lamont issued declarations of public health and civil preparedness emergencies, proclaiming a state of emergency throughout the State of Connecticut as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States and confirmed spread in Connecticut; and
- WHEREAS, On March 22, 2020 Governor Ned Lamont issued Executive Order 7J ordering and directing among other things: an expedited process for the leasing and use of real property during the current health care crisis to provide additional accommodations and facilities beyond what is currently available in Connecticut as may be necessary to address the effects of COVID-19; including but not limited to housing, healthcare and medical treatment; and
- WHEREAS, The Connecticut Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS) which administers the State Emergency Preparedness Plan has requested use of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities facilities which are under the supervision, care and control of the Board of Regents for Higher Education (BOR), and
- WHEREAS, Current DEMHS projections identify college and university large spaces for hospital overflow and residential life facility beds for healthcare workers who cannot return home and additional hospital overflow space, and
- WHEREAS, BOR approval is requested to affirm its solidarity during this COVID-19 crisis and approve CSCU participation in the MOU with DEMHS, in cooperation with the Department of Administrative Services (DAS); therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That the Board of Regents for the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities authorizes the CSCU to enter into a MOU with DEHMS and DAS for emergency use of space and reimbursement of all incurred expenses.

Submitted,

Erin A. Fitzgerald, Director of Board Affairs/ Secretary of the Board of Regents for Higher Education

Attachments to Minutes

Posted online at http://www.ct.edu/regents/minutes

- 1. Email transmitting agenda, proposed resolution and supporting documents
- **2.** Resolution approved by Executive Committee (pending ratification by full Board 4/16/2020)
- **3.** Proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of Regents for Higher Education (BOR), the State of Connecticut Department of Administrative Services and the State of Connecticut Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Services (to be modified by Counsel Ernestine Weaver to include provision that DEHMS will be responsible for sanitizing the facilities upon termination)
- 4. Votes received via email on Thursday, March 26, 2020

From: <u>Fitzgerald, Erin A</u>

To: Matt Fleury (mfleury@ctsciencecenter.org); Balducci, Rich (External Contact); Harris, Merle (External Contact);

Jimenez, David (External Contact); Cohen, Naomi (External Contact); Elease Wright (eleaseewright@mac.com) Ojakian, Mark; Pritchard, Alice M; Connor, Cheryl L; Epstein, Keith; Barnes, Benjamin; Weaver, Ernestine Y

Subject: PLS REVIEW AND REPLY YAY OR NAY ASAP - EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

 Date:
 Thursday, March 26, 2020 3:31:00 PM

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Importance: High

Cc:

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RESOLUTION

concerning

EMERGENCY CSCU FACILITY USE FOR DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT and HOMELAND SECURITY COVID-19 EMERGENCY NEEDS

March 26, 2020 APPROVED BY EXEC COMM April 16, 2020 - to be moved to full Board for ratification

WHEREAS,	On March 10, 2020 Governor Ned Lamont issued declarations of public health and civil
	preparedness emergencies, proclaiming a state of emergency throughout the State of
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RESOLVED, That the Board of Regents for the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities authorizes the CSCU to enter into a MOU with DEHMS and DAS for emergency use of space and reimbursement of all incurred expenses.

A TRUE COPY:

Erin A. Fitzgerald, Secretary
Board of Regents for Higher Education

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

THE CONNECTICUT BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

And

THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

And

THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (the "MOU") is entered into this _____ day of March, 2020, by and among the State of Connecticut Board of Regents for Higher Education ("BOR") on behalf of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities ("CSCU"), the State of Connecticut Department of Administrative Services ("DAS") and the State of Connecticut Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security ("DEMHS"), pursuant to the provisions of Connecticut General Statute Section 4b-29, as amended, and Governor Lamont's Executive Order 7J. (BOR o/b/o CSCU DAS and DEMHS may collectively be referred to herein as the "Parties").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020 the Governor of the State of Connecticut issued declarations of public health and civil preparedness emergencies, proclaiming a state of emergency throughout the State of Connecticut as a result of the coronavirus disease ("COVID-19") outbreak in the United States and confirmed spread in Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, during the current public health crisis, additional accommodations and facilities beyond what is currently available to DAS may be necessary to address the effects of COVID-19, including but not limited to, emergency housing, health care, and medical treatment; and

WHEREAS, BOR has care, custody and control over certain real property comprising the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities system (the "CSCU Properties" as more fully defined below); and

WHEREAS, DEMHS and DAS desire to have a mechanism in place by which DEMHS may arrange for the use of dormitories, gymnasiums, student unions, auditoriums and other facilities at the CSCU Properties for emergency, temporary shelters, emergency health services and other activities in response to the COVID-19 emergency.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing recitals and mutual agreements and undertakings set forth below, the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

1. PREMISES

This MOU will encompass all or portions of the CSCU Properties located at the following locations: Asnuntuck Community College, Capital Community College, Central Connecticut State University, Charter Oak State College, Eastern Connecticut State University, Gateway Community College, Housatonic Community College, Manchester Community College, Middlesex Community College, Naugatuck Valley Community College, Northwestern CT Community College, Norwalk Community College, Quinebaug Valley Community College, Southern Connecticut State University, Three Rivers Community College, Tunxis Community College and Western Connecticut State University, as more particularly described in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof. The Parties agree that Exhibit A may be amended without further signature or approval to add or delete CSCU Properties as may be needed to address changing needs of the COVID-19 emergency response.

2. USE

CSCU Properties will be used to provide emergency shelter and housing, emergency health care and related services, and such other services as may be deemed necessary by DAS and/or DEMHS in response to the COVID-19 emergency.

The Parties agree that all labor, equipment and materials required to prepare the CSCU Properties in a clean manner for the uses contemplated by this MOU shall be provided by and paid for by DEMHS in conjunction with DAS.

3. COSTS

CSCU shall not be responsible for the satisfaction of any needs or direct or indirect costs arising out the use of CSCU Properties pursuant to this MOU, including, but not limited to: utility costs, staff/vendor labor and material expenses, campus Police or private security expenses, repairs or replacement due to damage to either state or personal property at a campus and other related cost incurred as a result of this MOU. Any expense incurred by CSCU shall be invoiced to and reimbursed by DEMHS or DAS as quickly and efficiently as possible.

4. TERM

The term of this MOU shall commence upon the date this MOU is approved by the Office of Policy and Management, and shall continue for an indefinite time until terminated as set forth herein. This MOU shall terminate within fourteen (14) days after the Governor revokes the current public health and emergency preparedness emergencies, or at such earlier or later date as the Parties agree. This MOU shall not be binding on the Parties unless and until it is approved by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management.

5. OTHER AGREEMENTS

- a. DEMHS agrees that it shall instruct its personnel, volunteers, invitees and shelter residents that they must abide by rules and security requirements in place at each of the CSCU Properties that are used by DEHMS under this MOU, which rules and requirements are consistent with all state laws and regulations; in addition an outline of specific campus requirements may be provided to DEHMS in advance of any facility use. DEHMS further agrees that it shall take all reasonable measures to address any failure of said persons to abide by those rules and requirements.
- b. The Parties agree that BOR shall have no obligation pursuant to this MOU to in any manner sanitize, modify, renovate or update its facilities, including but

not limited to the facilities listed on <u>Exhibit A</u>. DEMHS may install temporary equipment, furniture and other tangible personal property as necessary to provide the emergency response services set forth herein. DEMHS shall remove such temporary property at the termination of this MOU at no cost to BOR.

- c. DEMHS, from its' current best judgment, shall list on <u>Exhibit B</u> the projected spaces, type of use anticipated for those spaces, and projected occupants per space at each campus. The projected spaces will be referenced as an anticipated priority use 1, 2 or 3 so that CSCU can remain aware for preparation purposes.
- d. The Parties acknowledge that CSCU staff and/or vendors under current contracts may refuse to perform services under this MOU that are beyond the scope of those contracts. The Parties agree that any CSCU staff or vendor that agrees to and does provide work under this MOU may provide the following services during the term of the MOU:
 - i. General disinfecting and cleaning services, however such services may not meet healthcare facility requirements.
 - ii. Emergency maintenance repairs only
 - iii. Campus Police, if available
 - iv. Contracted Security, if available
- e. DEHMS shall provide all Center for Disease Control ("CDC") required protective equipment to avoid virus transmission to all CSCU staff/contractors that are performing work with respect to services under this MOU.
- f. If the CSCU cannot provide appropriate staff/contractor levels to support this MOU, DEHMS, DAS and the CSCU will collaborate to supplement the work with outside vendors.
- g. DEHMS shall assure that management and oversight over all non-CSCU staff and vendors is fully maintained throughout the duration of this

agreement. CSCU is not required under this MOU to directly interface with any DEHMS non-management staff or clients.

- h. BOR shall not be responsible for the satisfaction of any needs arising out of the use of the CSCU Properties pursuant to this MOU, including but not limited to: the provision of power resources (e.g. generators and/or fuel cells); food service; sanitary facilities; domestic items; security; or health care services. Further, the Parties understand and agree that food service providers engaged to provide food service at the CSCU Properties have no contractual obligation to provide food and/or beverages to any person by reason of this MOU.
- i. CSCU reserves the right to reject relocation of any clients or other individuals from one CSCU emergency location to another CSCU Property emergency location.
- j. In the event that any damages occur at a CSCU campus to public or private property by reason of this MOU, CSCU will invoice DEMHS for such reasonable repair or replacement; except that no such invoice will be sent for damage to the facilities caused by the negligent, reckless or intentional acts of the officers, employees or agents of CSCU.

6. AMENDMENTS

No changes, amendments, or modifications of any of the terms or conditions of this MOU shall be valid unless reduced to writing and signed by the Parties hereto, and approved by the Office of Policy and Management.

(Signature Page Follows)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this MOU has been duly executed by the following parties:

BOARD OF REGENTSFOR HIGHER EDUCATION On behalf of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities

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	Title: Its Deputy Commissioner Date:	
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EXHIBIT A

CSCU Properties

BOR projected emergency use type of spaces - 3/21/20 Candy by the direction of the candidate Police shripe saleni na have capacity to control Day 20 children erner, rid cale tachiles and Mediting Parana Food Service Facility Liverage Multi-School Best Tricke State Bay S Gynnasium square teen Residentalite Asnuntuck Community College Enfield Capital Community College Hartford 5,000 ves Dorm vacancies not determined. CCSU 6.000 & can accelerate vacating 116 bed dorm if Central Connecticut State University New Britain 2,520 beds 9,000 7,000 yes identified with sufficient time. yes yes Charter Oak State College New Britain staged student move out between March 30 & April 12 (There are an additional 400 campus beds but they do not have elevator 1,685 beds Eastern Connecticut State University Willimantic 9,000 yes 5,000 yes yes food service and cafeteria directly yes assessable from street sidewalk Gateway Community College New Haven 4,000 yes Housatonic Community College 5,000 & *3,000 Bridgeport yes Manchester Community College Manchester 9,000 5,000 & *4,000 yes yes Middlesex Community College Middletown 3,500 yes Waterbury Naugatuck Valley Community College *3,500 yes yes yes Northwestern Community College 2,546 Winsted 6,000 Norwalk Community College Norwalk yes ves Quinebaug Community College Danielson 3,500 Southern Connecticut State University New Haven 2,500 beds 5,000 & 9,000 9,000 & *4,000 yes anticipated vacant on 3/30/20 yes - two yes Three Rivers Community College Norwich 4,500 yes yes one large space is a 40,000 s.f manufacturing building we just purchased. Tunxis Community College Can be used for secured storage. Farmington two yes Western Connecticut State University Danbury 1,856 beds 5,000 & 9,000 7,000 two yes anticipated vacant on 3/30/20

From: Matt Fleury
To: Fitzgerald, Erin A

Cc: Balducci, Rich (External Contact); Harris, Merle (External Contact); Jimenez, David (External Contact); Cohen,

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Accept

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Matt Fleury President & CEO

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Yay/accept.

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Yes I concur.

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Thank you for making note of that, I will include the provision that DEHMS will be responsible for sanitizing the facilities upon termination.

From: Naomi <naomike@comcast.net>
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Yes, I accept.

My question is whether the agreement is drafted to adeqately require the users of the spaces to sanitize them when they leave so that the spaces will be fully safe for CSCU to use for students, faculty, staff etc. when the emergency is over.

Naomi

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Subject: PLS REVIEW AND REPLY YAY OR NAY ASAP - EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Importance: High

Please review the attached Agenda for an Emergency Meeting via email of the Executive Committee. **Your immediate attention to this matter is required**; please review and **reply to this email with a yay or nay on the attached resolution**. Thank you. — Erin

Please note the following, from the attached agenda, as provided by Counsel Ernestine Weaver:

• The underlining emergency arises from the State's urgent need of CSCU facilities to accommodate persons impacted by COVID-19. Use of the facilities is expected to begin

tomorrow 3/27/2020.

- BOR Bylaws Article III, Section 1 allows the Executive Committee to exercise in emergencies the authority of the Board of Regents consistent with the policies of the Board or with any action taken earlier by the Board. Any action of the Executive Committee must be ratified by the Board.
- Connecticut General Statute section 1-225(d) allows that emergency meetings may be held without required notice as long as other measures of the exception, are followed.
- Executive Order 7B, dated March 14, 2020 suspends in person open meeting requirements, and allows the use of technology. As this particular meeting is an "emergency meeting", it may be held via email and all such meeting related emails will become public record.