

**BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

9:00 a.m., September 10, 2013

1st floor Boardroom, 39 Woodland Street, Hartford, CT 06105

REGENTS PARTICIPATING

Yvette Meléndez, Acting Chair
Naomi K. Cohen
Dr. Rene Lerer via teleconference

Dr. Merle W. Harris
Gary Holloway
Craig S. Lappen via teleconference

REGENTS ABSENT

BOR STAFF

Gregory W. Gray, BOR President
Elizabeth Caswell, Chief of Staff
President Nunez, ECSU President and BOR VP for Connecticut State Universities
Ernestine Weaver, Counsel
Juliet Manalan, Director of Public Affairs and Marketing
James Howarth, interim BOR CFO and ECSU VP for Finance and Administration
Erin A. Fitzgerald, Associate Director of Board Affairs/BOR Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Meléndez called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m., declaring a quorum present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Naomi Cohen, with a second by Merle Harris, the minutes from the June 4, 2013 Regular Meeting and the June 11, 2013 Special Meeting were unanimously accepted as presented.

UPDATE FROM BOR PRESIDENT GRAY

President Gray provided an overview of ongoing activity and planning efforts, highlights of which are listed below:

- shared comments regarding continued meetings with all university and college presidents;
- advised that he has met one-on-one with all board members;
- remarked upon a recent collegial meeting with UConn President Susan Herbst;
- provided a status update on senior level hiring efforts for the System Office (CFO, IT, Provost);
- introduced new Executive Staff members, Chief of Staff Liz Caswell and Director of Public Affairs & Marketing Juliet Manalan;

- suggested the inclusion of a 10-15 minute student presentation at the top of full Board meetings (committee members remarked favorably upon the suggestion and requested that President Gray: 1) seek the input of the university and college presidents on the matter; and 2) reviewed proposed 2014 meeting schedule to include some meetings at the universities and colleges).
- remarked upon his approach to the development of his plan and agenda for the future of ConnSCU; and
- addressed his 2013-2014 goals (following which, after a request from Merle Harris, it was agreed that: 1) President Gray would provide periodic updates to the Board on the progress toward those goals; and 2) another copy of President Gray's 2013-2014 goals would be emailed to Board members).

Following President Gray's update, Chair Meléndez noted she concurred with President Gray's approach to what is a complex endeavor that requires thoughtful articulation and communication as to the process that will be utilized. She remarked favorably upon President's Gray's leadership and continued engagement with all university and college presidents and indicated it was an important component of the planning process and the development of President Gray's agenda.

BOR STANDING COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

Committee members received an additional copy of the draft of proposed committee responsibilities, with Chair Melendez noting the expectation was the matter would be on the agenda for approval at the October 17 meeting of the full Board. Suggested edits were provided and staff was instructed to update the documents to incorporate the requested edits, provide consistent formatting, and indicate the executive staff member (by title) charged with staffing each of the standing committees.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Committee Chairs present reported out on the status of various items pending before their respective committees. Administration Committee Chair Naomi Cohen requested and received input from Executive Committee members regarding the possible development of a policy on interim appointments and the ability to apply for permanent positions which the Administration Committee is scheduled to discuss at their September 12 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Gary Holloway moved to adjourn; Naomi Cohen seconded and the meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

Submitted,

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