

**INSTITUTIONAL SPENDING PLAN HEARINGS
BEFORE THE
FINANCE & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**

Board of Regents for Higher Education
Tuesday, May 20, 2014, at 8:30 am
61 Woodland Street, Hartford CT

Minutes

REGENTS PRESENT

Matt Fleury, Committee Chair
Richard Balducci

REGENTS ABSENT

Catherine Smith

CONNSCU REPRESENTATIVES

Southern Connecticut State University – Mary Papazian, President; Maryanne Kennedy, Provost; James Blake, Executive Vice President; Jaye Bailey, Vice President of Human Resources

Charter Oak State College – Ed Klonoski, President; Cliff Williams, Chief Financial Officer

Eastern Connecticut State University – Elsa Nuñez, President; Rhona Free, Provost; James Howarth, Vice President for Finance and Administration

Central Connecticut State University – Jack Miller, President; Charlene Casamento, Chief Financial Officer; Kim Martohue, Controller

Western Connecticut State University – James Schmotter, President; Paul Reis, Vice President for Finance and Administration

CONNSCU STAFF

Erika Steiner Chief Financial Officer; Liz Caswell, Chief of Staff; Christopher Fortster, Controller; Melentina Pusztay, Director of Budgets and Planning; Rosalie Butler, Administrative Assistant

GUESTS

Jacqueline Rabe Thomas, The CT Mirror

With a quorum present, Chairman Fleury called the session to order at 8:30 am.

CFO Steiner provided a brief introduction, indicating this would be the first of three half-days of informational hearings for which each of the 17 institutions had been asked to answer 8 questions surrounding their enrollment strategy, challenges, opportunities, contingency plans, staffing levels, unique projects, coursework and opportunities for shared services. She gave background on the setting of tuition, funding from the Governor and Legislature, the Go Back to Get Ahead program and Developmental Education.

The Finance Committee heard individual budget presentations from Charter Oak State College, as well as Central, Eastern, Southern and Western Connecticut State Universities.

No action was taken. The budget presentations concluded at 12:45 p.m. Presentations may be viewed online at: [BOR FinComm Presentations 052014](#)