

**MEETING OF THE
FINANCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**

Board of Regents for Higher Education

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

11:00 a.m.

61 Woodland Street, Hartford, CT

Minutes

REGENTS PRESENT

Richard Balducci, Committee Chairman

Del Cummings

Felice Gray-Kemp (Telephonic)

David Jimenez (Telephonic)

Sage Maier (Telephonic)

JoAnn Ryan (Telephonic)

CSCU STAFF PRESENTING

Mark Ojakian, President; Ben Barnes, Chief Financial Officer; Keith Epstein, Vice President, Facilities, Real Estate and Infrastructure Planning

With a quorum present, Chairman Balducci called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

1. Approval of Minutes from the March 13, 2019 Meeting

Motioned by Regent Ryan, seconded by Regent Maier, the minutes of the March 13, 2019 meeting were approved unanimously as submitted.

2. Action Items

A. CSCU Community College Advanced Manufacturing Program – MOU for Program Space at CT State Technical High Schools

VP Epstein commented on the expected growth in manufacturing over the next decade. The Connecticut State Colleges and Universities (CSCU) continue to review and develop new opportunities to expand Advanced Manufacturing programs at all of the colleges to support the growing need for skilled workers. We're faced with the challenge of recruiting thousands of new students annually, and identifying classroom and lab space in which they will be trained. Rather than rely on a costly infrastructure expansion program, we have chosen to innovate in a range of areas to secure some required space.

Working with the Connecticut Technical Education and Career Service (CTECS) gives CSCU the ability to access additional training space while minimizing some capital costs, and make training more accessible to the state's citizens. Based on the success of programs hosted at 3 technical high schools across the state, CSCU and CTECS agreed to a larger space-sharing arrangement, making it possible for CSCU to provide training at all of the CTECS schools. A ten-year space use agreement is proposed, which will provide flexibility for the CSCU and CTECS to establish college Advanced Manufacturing programs quickly and efficiently at any of the 18 state vocational high schools.

Regent Balducci moved, seconded by Regent Ryan to include the need for 30,000-35,000 new skilled workers to meet the growth objectives of manufacturers in the resolution. It was voted unanimously to accept the revision.

Motioned by Regent Ryan, seconded by Regent Jimenez, that the request to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with CTECS and DAS to execute a license agreement for use of space at the Vocational Technical High Schools for college Advanced Manufacturing instruction and training be approved. The motion was voted unanimously.

B. Tunxis Community College – Reallocation and Use of CSCU 2020 Funds for the Purchase of 21 Spring Lane, Farmington

The Connecticut State Colleges and Universities (CSCU) continue to look for innovative and cost-effective program expansion opportunities to train students who can respond to the manufacturing growth in the State. A long-term expansion opportunity for the development of a comprehensive Advanced Manufacturing program at Tunxis Community College, modeled after the Asnuntuck Community College program was developed. The college's regional location is suited for both academic and workforce development coursework. Expansion of the program is problematic due to limited available existing space at the college.

CSCU has the opportunity to purchase 21 Spring Lane, Farmington to provide space for the Advanced Manufacturing Program. The acquisition of this property has the potential to offer dynamic space opportunities to develop a complete Advanced Manufacturing education and training program, eventually serving hundreds of full-time students. The property at 21 Spring Lane is a 44,500 sq. ft. manufacturing facility located diagonally adjacent to Tunxis' parking lot. Funding is requested for this purchase and for future improvements from unexpended CSCU 2020 FY2016 funds originally intended for Advanced Manufacturing program additions at Asnuntuck Community College.

Motioned by Regent Balducci, seconded by Regent Maier, that CSCU work with the Department of Administrative Services to purchase 21 Spring Lane, Farmington and to reallocate bond funds from the "Advanced Manufacturing at Asnuntuck Community College" to fund the purchase and partial improvements. The motion was voted.

Voting Aye: R. Balducci, D. Jimenez, S. Maier, and J. Ryan

Voting Nay: F. Gray-Kemp

Abstained: None

C. CSCU Manchester Community College – Right-of-Way Agreement Town of Manchester

Manchester Regional Academy (MRA) was constructed by the Town of Manchester on former state land and a small parcel of state land designated with Right-of-Way for MRA and is currently under care and custody of Manchester Community College for the Board of Regents. A parking lot was constructed on a third parcel of land adjacent to these parcels of land with no records to demonstrate MRA had previously been granted Right-of-Way. The Town of Manchester has requested Right-of-Way be granted to MRA for continued use and right to make reasonable improvements.

Right-of-Way on state land for municipalities may only be granted via legislation. Approval is being sought from the Board of Regents to pursue “Parcel C” in future legislation, authorizing the Town of Manchester continued use and rights to maintain the parking lot site.

Motioned by Regent Balducci, seconded by Regent Jimenez, that a Right-of-Way agreement between CSCU and the Town of Manchester for use and improvement of a parcel of land located at Manchester Community College be approved.

The motion was voted unanimously.

D. Approval of FY2020 Connecticut Community Colleges Tuition and Fees

CFO Barnes reviewed the proposed Community Colleges increases for FY2020 tuition and fees (attachment A). The proposals were developed through a process that involved discussions among stakeholders and student leadership. The Governor’s budget proposal calls for flat funding plus partial coverage of SEBAC raises. Without additional state funding, this tuition increase could leave the colleges with a budget gap of more than \$30 million. It is being proposed to increase the FY2020 Community College average Tuition and Mandatory Fees by 2.1% or approximately \$92.00 per year for full-time students. The College Services fee will raise by 2% (\$5), and replaces the \$20 application fee, that will be eliminated.

A new Nursing Media Fee of \$247.75 will be charged for each of the four semesters required to complete the nursing program. This fee supports all the required books and materials for the students, at a significant discount compared to the retail cost of the materials.

Motioned by Regent Balducci, seconded by Regent Maier, that the FY2020 Connecticut Community Colleges Tuition and Fees Rates be approved.

Regents R. Balducci, F. Gray-Kemp, D. Jimenez, S. Maier, and J. Ryan voted in favor of the Resolution. The vote was unanimous.

There being no further business, on motion of Regent Balducci, seconded by Regent Jimenez, the meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.