

**BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
CT STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES (CSCU)
BOR TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2024
CONDUCTED VIA WEBEX; LIVESTREAMED ON
<https://www.youtube.com/live/OM2NxGIQlyw>**

REGENTS – PARTICIPATING (Y = yes / N = no)	
Ted Yang, Chair	Y
Sophia Jappinen	Y
Ari Santiago	Y
Chair Marty Guay	Y (joined at 12:07)
Ex Officio Charlene Casamento	Y

CSCU/BOR STAFF:

Pam Heleen, Secretary of the Board of Regents (recorder)
 Dr. Lloyd Blanchard, CSCU Interim Vice President for Administration and CFO
 Pete Carey, CSCU Information Security Officer
 George Claffey, CCSU Chief Information Officer
 Regina Scriven, Deputy Chief Information Officer/Infrastructure & Operations
 Scott Zak, Sr. Director of Enterprise Applications

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Chair Yang called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. and, following roll call, declared a quorum present.

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Committee Chair Yang made a motion to adopt the meeting agenda. Regent Jappinen seconded the motion; the Agenda was unanimously adopted.

3. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Regent Santiago made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from September 11, 2024. Regent Jappinen seconded the motion, and the September 11, 2024 minutes were unanimously adopted.

4. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- Technology Innovation (00:01:22) – In response to Chair Guay’s comments and conversations around innovation and the role of system office and the BOR, it was proposed that 5 – 10 minutes of each Committee meeting could be focused on what’s good about technology and innovation across all campuses. CIOs could report back about innovative technology that is pushing things forward for students. CFO Blanchard suggested that a presentation be given to the Committee on a regular basis. Regent

Santiago expressed his support and his preference for a verbal report of what's already in progress.

- AI Policy (00:05:57) – CFO Blanchard and CISO Carey provided an update on the creation of an AI policy. CFO Blanchard noted that the policy should have broad participation in its development, particularly from faculty across the system. CISO Carey reported that the development process has been underway for 3 – 4 months and has been sent to internal stakeholders to provide feedback, for example CCSU CIO Claffey's taskforce, COSC AI advisory committee led by Provost Ferreira, data privacy officers, and the Privacy Advisory Group. A "more solid" draft was created to present to the larger community. The team is trying to determine the right channels to engage the faculty to get their input. BOR Secretary suggested that the team might contact the FAC or the ASA Committee for access to the faculty, provosts, or students for their input. Regent Santiago asked for clarity about what the team is trying to achieve and what the critical objective is with the AI policy. His understanding of the objective is to create a one-page systemwide policy on the safe use of AI from a cybersecurity perspective. CISO Carey concurred. Shared governance with the faculty will ensure that what is in the policy doesn't interfere with the academic freedom or academic integrity policies. Drafts developed from higher ed research and from Gartner and EduCause research are the starting places for constituent reaction. CISO is hoping to get something for this Committee to review by their December meeting. Ex officio Casamento added that on Feb.1, 2024, the State of CT issued an AI policy framework that is required for executive branch agencies. Whatever policy that is put in place at least complies with the framework. Committee Chair Yang indicated that there may be more guidelines coming from the legislature.
- Biennium Budget Requests (00:19:40) – Several technology related items were brought to the Finance Committee as part of the biennium budget request. They were not brought to the Technology Committee and additional information will be provided offline if Committee members have questions. CFO Blanchard reminded the Committee that this process started well before this committee was created; the process will be changed so that IT capital requests can be brought to this Committee for substance evaluation. He added that the requests are developed in collaboration with the CIOs at the campus levels and are put forward regularly but have not been met through the Bond Commission.
- Wi-Fi on Campuses (00:24:18) – At the last Finance Committee meeting, FAC Chair Brendan Cunningham raised concerning issues with the Wi-fi situation on ECSU's campus. Wi-fi connectivity is probably the most visible form of technology on campus and that from a student standpoint, it is very critical to their success. Committee Chair Yang asked each CIOs to report on the status of their campus Wi-fi and network connectivity via their most recent site surveys, if readily available. Regent Santiago is most interested in the speed of the network and its availability to support (1) campus security, (2) faculty's ability to teach, (3) student wi-fi, and (4) public wi-fi. CIO Claffey gave an update on CCSU's recent system upgrades. Regent Santiago suggested a very basic campus-by-campus rating system – good/fair/poor – to know the 'buckets' of concern.

5. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 12:35 p.m. on a motion by Regent Jappinen, seconded by Regent Santiago, the Committee voted to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing security matters. Committee Chair Yang announced that no votes would be taken in Executive Session. Committee Chair Yang asked that CFO Blanchard, CCSU CIO Claffey, and CSIO Carey join the Regents in executive session.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

With the conclusion of the Executive Session, Committee Chair Yang declared the meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Submitted,

Pamela Heleen
Secretary of the CT Board of Regents for Higher Education