

**MEETING OF THE
FINANCE & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**

Board of Regents for Higher Education
Wednesday, June 7, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.
61 Woodland Street, Hartford CT

Minutes

REGENTS PRESENT

Richard Balducci, Committee Chair
Catherine Smith
Holly Palmer (Telephonic)
Barbara Richards (Telephonic)

REGENTS ABSENT

David Jimenez
William McGurk

CSCU STAFF

Mark Ojakian, President; Erika Steiner, Chief Financial Officer; Keith Epstein, Vice President for Facilities & Infrastructure Planning; Karen Stone, Director of Internal Audit; Maribel La Luz, Director of Communications; Ernestine Weaver, Counsel; Louisa Despina, Administrative Assistant for Finance

With a quorum present, Chairman Balducci called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 29, 2017 MEETING

The minutes of the March 29, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved, as written.

2. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Status of the State Budget

CFO Steiner explained that the State Budget has not yet been approved, therefore it's too premature to present something meaningful to the Board at this time. She gave an overview of the State biennium budget recommendations (Attachment A). The System Office will present its budget to the Finance Committee and to the Board upon a final State Budget approval.

3. ACTION ITEMS

A. Purchase of 330 High Street, Willimantic – Cost Change

VP Epstein explained that the purchase of 330 High Street was approved by the Board in September of 2016 for \$85,000. The purchase of this property is significant due to its close proximity to the new Fine Arts Instructional Center. The property owner requested additional \$5,000 for this property (totaling \$90,000), which is still within the appraised value. VP Epstein added that the funding is available from the FY2009 portion of the CSCU 2020 Program Land and Property Acquisition Program.

A motion by Regent Palmer, seconded by Chairman Balducci, carried unanimously to adopt the Resolution concerning the Purchase of Real Estate for Eastern Connecticut State University.

B. Reallocation of CSCU 2020 Funds for ECSU

VP Epstein stated that the item was a request for the reallocation of uncommitted available funds from the Fine Arts Instructional Center project to other ongoing projects at Eastern. \$2,209,365.95 of project funding remains uncommitted and available at the CSCU. Of this total, \$1,569,000 will be reallocated to the Goddard Hall/Communications Building renovation project and \$640,356.95 will be reallocated to Eastern's Code Compliance/Infrastructure Improvements program. These funding reallocations do not increase or decrease CSCU 2020 project totals by 5% and therefore do not require legislative authorization.

A motion by Regent Palmer, seconded by Chairman Balducci, carried unanimously to adopt the Resolution concerning CSCU 2020 Funding Reallocation for eastern Connecticut State University.

C. Tuition Charged to Veterans of the Armed Forces and Qualified Individuals using Post 9/11 GI Bill, Montgomery GI Bill and Fry Scholarship

Counsel Weaver said that in December of 2016 the law was modified to reflect that individuals using the Fry Scholarship are no longer required to enroll within 3 years of the service member's death, and there is no longer a requirement that the service member who died had served at least ninety days of active duty service. Because individuals using the Fry Scholarship are no longer required to enroll within three years of the death of the service member, the concept of continuous enrollment does not apply to this individuals.

A motion by Regent Palmer, seconded by Chairman Balducci, carried unanimously to adopt the Resolution concerning Tuition Charged to Veterans of the Armed Forces and Qualified Individuals using Post 9/11 GI Bill. Montgomery GI Bill and Fry Scholarship.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

STATE BIENNIUM BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS
Governor, House and Senate Versions
as of June 5, 2017

SID Description	FY17			FY18				
	As of 6/7/16	Rescission 5/10/17	Appropriation FY 17 After Rescission	Governor's 2/8/17 FY 18	Governor's 5/15/17 FY 18	Joint Democrat FY 18	Senate Republican FY 18	House Republican FY 18
Operating Expenses				306,701,286	305,201,286			
Workers' Compensation Claims	3,571,674		3,571,674	3,322,501	3,289,276	3,322,501	3,289,276	3,322,501
Charter Oak State College	2,424,330		2,424,330			2,263,617	4,132,249	4,132,249
Community Tech College System	161,446,565	(807,232)	160,639,333			125,743,937	273,001,325	273,001,325
Connecticut State University	153,640,756	(768,203)	152,872,553			116,762,558	257,222,704	258,722,704
Board of Regents	446,390	(4,463)	441,927			366,875	366,875	366,875
Developmental Services	9,469,836	(94,698)	9,375,138			9,168,168	9,168,168	9,168,168
Outcomes-Based Funding Incentive	1,662,925	(16,629)	1,646,296			1,236,481	1,236,481	1,236,481
O'Neill Chair						165,000		
Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy						994,650		
Total	332,662,476	(1,691,225)	330,971,251	310,023,787	308,490,562	260,023,787	548,417,078	549,950,303
Excluding Fringe (for comparative purposes)							244,180,920	244,180,920
Net of Fringe	332,662,476	(1,691,225)	330,971,251	310,023,787	308,490,562	260,023,787	304,236,158	305,769,383

Compared to:

Governor's FY18 FY19 2/8/17				310,023,787	310,023,787	310,023,787	310,023,787
Difference				(1,533,225)	(50,000,000)	(5,787,629)	(4,254,404)
FY 17 After Rescission				330,971,251	330,971,251	330,971,251	330,971,251
Difference				(22,480,689)	(70,947,464)	(26,735,093)	(25,201,868)