Trustees Present on call: John Doyle, Chair, Theresa Eberhard-Asch, John Motley, Fr. John P. Sullivan

Trustees Absent: John Sholtis

Provosts & VPs: Carl Lovitt (CCSU), Rhona Free (ECSU), Selase Williams (SCSU)
Linda Rinker (WCSU)

CSUS Staff: Louise Feroe, Germán Bermúdez, Keith Epstein, Pat Frost, Judy Nosal

Guests: James Blake (SCSU)

Trustee Doyle called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

1. **Action Items**

   A. The minutes of the June 30, 2009 Academic Affairs Committee meeting were approved on a motion by Trustee Sullivan and seconded by Trustee Eberhard-Asch.

   B. **Discontinuance of Programs**

      CCSU Discontinuance of MS in Social Science
      Dr. Lovitt presented the recommendation for discontinuance of the MS in Social Science at CCSU. Since 2003-04, the MS in Social Studies has been listed as a “phase out” and had its last student graduate in the spring of 2009. The department will continue to offer both the MA in History and the MA in Public History.

      The Committee unanimously approved the proposal on a motion by Trustee Motley and a second by Trustee Eberhard-Asch.

      CCSU Discontinuance of MS in Pedagogy and Leadership
      Dr. Lovitt presented the recommendation for discontinuance of the MS in Pedagogy and Leadership at CCSU. The MS in Pedagogy and Leadership currently does not have any students enrolled. The intent being that when the MAT in Teacher Education was approved for full accreditation, which occurred in the fall of 2008 the program, would be terminated.

      Chairman Doyle asked whether the decisions to discontinue the programs were campus initiatives or DHE. Dr. Lovitt clarified both were campus initiatives.

      The Committee unanimously approved the proposal on a motion by Trustee Motley and a second by Trustee Eberhard-Asch.
WCSU Discontinuance of MS in Education – English Option/Math Option
Dr. Rinker presented the recommendation for discontinuance of the MS in Education with the English and Math Options WCSU. The MS in Education are being discontinued due to low enrollments. Faculty resources have been put to better use in support of the MAT programs.

The Committee unanimously approved the proposal on a motion by Trustee Eberhard-Asch and a second by Trustee Motley.

C. Renewal of Centers

CCSU Center for Teaching Excellence & Leadership Development
Dr. Lovitt presented Central’s proposal for continuation of the Center for Teaching Excellence & Leadership Development. A listing of publications by the Center was shared. The Center has met all four of its objectives. The most recent CCSU strategic plan includes professional development as one of its objectives, making the need for the Center even greater.

Chairman Doyle noted that $57,000 had been spent this year and asked if next year’s spending plan would be as high with the current economic climate. Dr. Lovitt indicated that CCSU and plans to invest at least $10,000 into the Center. Dr. Williams noted that they are currently collaborating with CCSU and WCSU to bring in a speaker.

The Committee unanimously approved the proposal on a motion by Trustee Sullivan and a second by Trustee Motley.

ECSU David T. Chase Free Enterprise Institute
Dr. Free presented Eastern’s proposal for continuation of the David T. Chase Free Enterprise Institute. The Institute is funded by an annual grant from the Chase Enterprise; no university funds are used to support the Institute. Trustee Sullivan asked if the Chase Enterprise would be funding the Institute again next year and what might happen if it did not. Dr. Free said that they hoped it would be funded and is not aware of it not being funded. If need be alternative resources would be found.

The Committee unanimously approved the proposal on a motion by Trustee Motley and a second by Trustee Eberhard-Asch.

ECSU David Morris Roth Center for Connecticut Studies
Dr. Free presented Eastern’s proposal for continuation of the David Morris Roth Center for Connecticut Studies. Dr. Free distributed a copy of the goals for the Center. The Center has developed a non-circulating collection of primary and secondary materials on all aspects of the State’s development. Space has been allocated at the library for resources that can be accessed via online or in person.

Chairman Doyle questioned the Center’s budget. The cost for the student worker is funded through federal funds provided by financial aid.

The Committee unanimously approved the proposal on a motion by Trustee Motley and a second by Trustee Sullivan.

SCSU Center for Communications Disorders
Dr. Williams presented Southern’s proposal for continuation of the Center for Communication Disorders. The Center serves as a mandatory clinical training venue for graduate students in speech and language pathology and as a provider of comprehensive audiology and speech-language pathology services to the University and Greater New Haven. Dr. Williams distributed goals for the Center. Currently they are in discussions with developers of the West Rock Development to provide mixed residency and elder housing to house the clinic in the complex or close to the complex for easy access to residents. Chairman Doyle praised the Center and noted that Dean Holley continues to take a keen interest in this Center.

The Committee unanimously approved the proposal on a motion by Trustee Motley and a second by Trustee Sullivan.
WCSU Center for Financial Forensics & Information Security
Dr. Rinker presented Western’s proposal for continuation of the Center for Financial Forensics & Information Security. The Center continues to be well-functioning and multidiscipline, pulling from the MIS and Accounting Departments as well as the Division of Justice and Law Administration.

The Committee unanimously approved the proposal on a motion by Trustee Motley and a second by Trustee Sullivan.

WCSU Center for Graphics Research
Dr. Rinker presented Western’s proposal for continuation of the Center for Graphic Research. The Center acts as a focus for computer-based imaging research and related student and community activities. Students participate in animation and game development. The Center’s focus has grown due to the recruitment of top-level experts in the area such as Blue Sky Studios.

The Committee unanimously approved the proposal on a motion by Trustee Motley and a second by Trustee Eberhard-Asch.

WCSU Weather Center
Dr. Rinker presented Western’s proposal for continuation of the Weather Center. The Weather Center continues to be an active and profitable part of the academic and community outreach. The Center has become a vital part of the university’s Bridges program.

The Committee unanimously approved the proposal on a motion by Trustee Motley and a second by Trustee Eberhard-Asch.

D. Approval of Endowed Chair Reports

CCSU Stanislaus A. Blejwas Endowed Chair in Polish and Polish American Studies
Dr. M.B. Biskupski continues to hold the Endowed Chair position at CCSU. The program sponsors lectures, cultural events, exhibitions, recitals and concerts, and literary evenings.

The Committee unanimously approved the proposal on a motion by Trustee Motley and a second by Trustee Eberhard-Asch.

CCSU William A. O’Neill Endowed Chair for Public Policy & Practical Politics
Mr. William Dyson was appointed as the new Endowed Chair in January 2009. Dr. Lovitt indicated that Mr. Dyson is a professor in the Political Science Department and has collaborated with Charter Oak College to establish an online program for inmates at the Connecticut prisons and works with veterans. Chairman Doyle elaborated that Mr. Dyson was a great choice for the chair.

The Committee unanimously approved the proposal on a motion by Trustee Motley and a second by Trustee Eberhard-Asch.

ECSU Endowed Chair in Early Childhood Education
Dr. Jeffrey Trawick-Smith continues to hold the Endowed Chair position at ECSU. Dr. Trawick-Smith continues to focus on research and publications, as well as, teaching undergraduate and graduate level early childhood education courses, advising students, supervising practica, engaging in community and service work to the Education Department and the university.

The Committee unanimously approved the proposal on a motion by Trustee Sullivan and a second by Trustee Motley.
ECSU Endowed Chair in Sustainable Energy Studies
Dr. Fred Loxsom holds the Endowed Chair position at ECSU. Dr. Loxsom continues to teach, do research and provide outreach to the community. Dr. Loxsom works cooperatively with faculty and staff to develop ECSU’s as a green campus. Dr. Loxsom along with two Eastern students went to Jamaica for the initial phase of a service learning project.

The Committee unanimously approved the proposal on a motion by Trustee Eberhard-Asch and a second by Trustee Motley.

WCSU Constantine S. & Marie C. Macricostas Endowed Chair in Hellenic & Modern Greek Studies
Dr. Guy MacClean Rogers has served as the Endowed Chair for two years. A search for a permanent appointment was completed, the position was offered but with the economic times the candidate did not accept. With the Chancellor’s permission a search will take place again in the upcoming year. Dr. Rinker reported that the Macricostas Endowed Chair was establish through the family’s generosity and continues to be active in both university and community settings with faculty seminars and providing lectures on classical topics to the community.

The Committee unanimously approved the proposal on a motion by Trustee Motley and a second by Trustee Eberhard-Asch.

E. Replacement of BR# 09-17: CSUS Admissions Requirement
Dr. Feroe indicated the only change in the original submission to the Board was the omission of the one year of Arts requirement all other information remains.

The Committee unanimously approved the proposal on a motion by Trustee Motley and a second by Trustee Eberhard-Asch.

F. Replacement of BR# 92-115: Graduate Interns in the Connecticut State University System
A request to replace the Board Resolution was brought to the attention of the Academic Vice Presidents by Dr. Lovitt at Central. Due to the current resolution, CCSU has only one program to draw from. With the replacement of this Board Resolution it will allow campuses to make additional internships available.

The Committee unanimously approved the proposal on a motion by Trustee Motley and a second by Trustee Eberhard-Asch.

2. Discussion Items
A. Trustees Scholarship Reports
The Trustees Scholarship reports are received from each of the universities and are merit based scholarships.

3. Informational Items
A. BOGHE Summary Report – June 17, 2009 and September 16, 2009 Meetings
Dr. Bermúdez provided remarks from the BOGHE June 17, 2009 and September 16, 2009 meetings. Chairman Doyle noted the appreciation the Committee members had for the CCSU staff and faculty for the licensure of the Civil Engineering Program. Dr. Bermúdez also noted the licensed and accredited program in Educational Coach leading to a Sixth Year Certificate at SCSU, one month extension of WCSU MAT Program and WCSU NEASC reaccreditation.

B. SCSU Appointment of CSU Professor – Dr. Joseph B. Solodow
Dr. Joseph b. Solodow has been recommended for appointment as a CSU Professor at SCSU. Chairman Doyle reminded the Committee of the importance of filling the vacancies of the CSU Professor positions at the campuses. He also noted that the Committee understands the process of selection and to look at the people on their campuses. Chairman Doyle commented that this issue has been targeting in the Letters of Priority to University Presidents.
Chairman Doyle noted this was an information item on the Academic Affairs Committee agenda and an action item on the Finance & Administration agenda. In the future he would like to see the Academic Affairs Committee act on this item. Provost Williams noted the CSU Professor Committee will meet this academic year to fill the remaining vacancy at SCSU.

C. SCSU 2009 Master Plan Amendment
   This agenda item was moved to the beginning of the meeting due to time constraints with the FAD Committee meeting.
   Mr. Epstein provided documentation of the SCSU 2009 Master Plan amendment and explained the reasons for amendment. SCSU Vice President Blake provided feedback.

4. Other
   No new business.
   Chairman Doyle congratulated Dr. Feroe on her one year anniversary at the CSU System Office.

Adjournment
   Trustee Sullivan moved to adjourn; Trustee Eberhard-Asch seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

The next BOTAA meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, October 21, 2009 at the Western Connecticut State University campus, Warner Hall, Danbury beginning at 10:00 a.m.