Chairmen Doyle called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. and, following roll call, indicated a quorum was present. The Chairman introduced and welcomed new member, Michael Caron to the Academic Affairs Committee.

1. ACTION ITEMS

A. The special meeting minutes of the May 5, 2010 Academic Affairs Committee meeting were approved on a motion by Trustee Sullivan and seconded by Trustee Eberhard Asch.

B. CCSU Proposed Modification of the Mission & Vision Statement

Chairman Doyle noted that the Board has been involved in discussions on mission and vision with the Chancellor and has worked with a consultant. The BOT Academic Affairs Committee responsibility is Strategic Planning which includes the campus mission and vision statements.

Dr. Feroe gave a brief introduction on the proposed modification of CCSU’s mission and Vision Statement. The original document was approved by the CCSU Faculty Senate in 2009; however, they were asked to hold off Board approval until the remaining three campuses could move forward with their statements. In researching when the statements were last approved by the Board, we found that they have not been officially approved since the 1990’s. Dr. Feroe noted that the remaining three universities did not have to submit new mission and vision statements, but the currently revised missions (which were part of presentations to the Board when current strategic plans were endorsed) will be submitted for approval to this committee and the Board at their September meeting.
Dr. Lovitt presented the proposed modification of the CCSU Mission and Vision Statement to the Academic Affairs Committee. As part of their NEASC reaccreditation visit and strategic planning exercise the university’s Institutional Research Director met with focus groups to develop a modification that would include the university’s four elements of distinctiveness.

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

C. SCSU/WCSU Proposed Ed.D. in Nursing Degree

Dr. Rinker was both pleased and proud to present the collaboration of SCSU and WCSU proposed Ed.D. Program in Nursing. Dr. Rinker introduced the nursing faculty who coordination the collaboration of administration, faculty and staff while writing the proposed program. They are lead writer Cesarina Thompson (SCSU), chair of the nursing department at SCSU Lisa Rebeschi and Karen Crouse, chair of the nursing department at WCSU. Dr. Thompson distributed and reviewed a summarized version of the proposed program which emphasized the nursing shortage as well as the shortage in Connecticut of nursing faculty needed to teach the courses. This program, if approved, will be one of only three in the country with Columbia (New York) and Alabama. The program was designed with working professionals in mind and includes primarily online instruction and two face-to-face meetings. The recruitment of the 25 students in the first cohort is expected to begin in spring 2011 with the program start in the fall of 2011. New cohorts of students will be accepted every other year with a three-year completion expected.

Dr. Williams emphasized that this program could not be launched by one university alone. It was a collaborative effort using resources from both universities. Dr. Williams also thanked Dr. Feroe and Ms. Ferraiolo for their assistance with the legislative language.

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

2. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. BOGHE Summary – May 19, 2010 and June 16, 2010 meetings.

Dr. Bermúdez noted there were no CSUS program items for discussion at either BOGHE meeting. Dr. Bermúdez discussed the presentations made on remedial student success at the May 19th meeting by CSUS, CCC and UCONN.

B. ECSU Appointment of CSU Professor Imna Arroyo

Vice President Free presented the information on the appointment of Professor Imna Arroyo. Dr. Arroyo is an acclaimed international artist who is currently on sabbatical leave conducting workshops and lectures in Cuba and Spain. Dr. Arroyo is an active member in the Windham community, lending her support and talent to art organizations. Trustee Sullivan suggested having Dr. Arroyo’s art work displayed the next time the Board meets at ECSU. Chairman Doyle and members agreed.
C. SCSU Appointment of CSU Professor James Mazur

Provost Williams presented the information on the appointment of Professor James Mazur. Dr. Mazur has been a faculty member at SCSU for 22 years and is widely recognized in his discipline. Dr. Mazur has published articles, journals and textbooks on behavior psychology. Dr. Mazur is well respected for his teaching and contributions to faculty service and leadership. Trustee Caron suggested displaying some of Dr. Mazur’s articles and textbooks the next time the Board meets at SCSU.

D. CT Review 2009-2010 Annual Report

Dr. Feroe presented the CT Review 2009-2010 Annual Report to the Academic Affairs Committee members. The most recent publication on Elvis was completed this spring with the next focus on veterans. Dr. Feroe indicated that the majority of the budget comes from the System Office, with the universities covering the release time of the editors. Due to the increase in cost, the publication has reduced its number of copies made. There was some discussion of only putting the publication online. Dr. Feroe indicated there have been some administrative function issues but they are working them out. Dr. Feroe will forward a copy of the spring Elvis issue to BOTAA Committee members.

E. Assessment of Learning Outcomes Reports

Dr. Bermúdez noted that this year a template was produced with four sections including qualitative and quantitative information about the assessment of student learning. The four sections included are: institutional level assessment (i.e. general education), assessment of learning in academic programs (i.e. individual programs – majors), assessment of learning across academic programs/in special academic programs (i.e. 1st year experience, writing across curriculum, international programs), assessment of learning in extra and co-curricular programs and activities (i.e. clubs, other student activities, community projects). The committee discussed various aspects of assessment, and it was noted that the Presidents will present a report on assessment at the July 21 Board meeting.

3. OTHER

Chairman Doyle mentioned the Chronicle article written by CCSU adjunct Michael Bellesiles. Dr. Feroe will forward a copy of the article to BOTAA Committee members.

ADJOURNMENT

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