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

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

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

Guests: Dr. Ellen Durnin (WCSU), Dr. Michael Gilles (WCSU)

Trustee Doyle called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. Action Items

Chairman Doyle presented the minutes of the March 4, 2009 BOTAA Executive Session and moved to rescind the votes taken during the Executive Session.

A. The motion to accept the Executive Session minutes as revised per today’s action of the Committee was approved on a motion by Trustee Motley and seconded by Trustee Eberhard-Asch.

The minutes of the March 4, 2009 Academic Affairs Committee meeting were approved on a motion by Trustee Motley and seconded by Trustee Sholtis.

Chairman Doyle congratulated Dr. Rinker and the WCSU faculty on the Bridges program and shared a copy of today’s article in the Hartford Courant.

B. WCSU Proposed Program Modifications to MS in Counselor Education – Community Counseling Option

Dr. Rinker presented the proposed program modification to the MS in Counselor Education – Community Counseling Option. Dr. Rinker introduced her staff – Dr. Ellen Durnin, Dean of Graduate Studies and External Programs and Dr. Michael Gilles, Community Counseling Coordinator. Dr. Gilles explained that effective July 1, 2009; the master’s degree program will require a full 60 credit hours to be consistent with accreditation requirements for Clinical Mental Health Counseling licensure. Students currently in the program take 48 credit hours to earn the master degree and 12 additional credit hours offered as electives to qualify for licensure. With the change in program standards students will be offered the full 60 credit hours to complete the master program. No additional resources are requested. Trustee Doyle thanked the WCSU staff for a concise explanation.

The Committee unanimously approved the proposal on a motion by Trustee Motley and a second by Trustee Sholtis.
C. SCSU Honorary Degrees
Chairman Doyle reviewed the honorary degree rules and noted that a nomination would be coming from CCSU and that BOTAA committee votes would be requested.

Dr. Williams presented the two nominations for honorary degrees to the committee. The first nominate, Dr. Orlando Taylor, Vice Provost for Research, Dean of the Graduate School and Professor of Communications at Howard University.

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

The second nominate, Mr. Michael Bolton, singer, song writer and humanitarian who has established a charitable foundation that serves New Haven, CT and beyond.

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

2. Discussion Items
A. Academic Strategic Plans
Dr. Feroe noted that each of the universities have been working on their Academic Strategic Plans. A presentation showing goals of the CSUS academic planning was distributed to the committee members. There was discussion on the system-to-system transfer and articulation agreement. Dr. Feroe indicated that the signing ceremony for the MOU with the community colleges will be this month. Two training sessions have been scheduled with the necessary staff from both the CSU campuses and the CCC campuses to prepare for implementation. The agreement will be in place for students to register in the fall 2009. Chairman Doyle thanked Dr. Feroe for her presentation. Discussion on tuition increases and textbook cost ensued.

3. Informational Items
A. ECSU Recommendation of Mr. Ronald A. Williams as Distinguished Business Executive in Residence
Dr. Martin presented the information for recommendation of Mr. Ronald A. Williams for the 2009-2010 academic year. Dr. Martin indicated that Mr. Williams is the Chair and CEO of Aetna and is an advocate for health policy reform and insurance. Mr. Williams is an active supporter of ECSU, involved with students and with the department of economics and business administration at Eastern.

B. BOGHE Summary – March 18, 2009
Dr. Bermúdez provided remarks from the BOGHE March 18th meeting.

4. Other
Dr. Bermúdez also reminded the committee of the upcoming conferences during the month of April. The Faculty Research conference will be held on Saturday, April 4th at SCSU. The Trustees Teaching Award winners will be recognized from both the 2008 and 2009 year. The Assessment Conference will be held on Friday, April 24th at ECSU. The Trustees Teaching Award recipients will be recognized at that conference. Dr. Feroe noted that Cliff Adelman will be the guest speaker at the Assessment Conference. Dr. Bermúdez also distributed the cover letter recognizing the 2009-2010 academic year CSUS Research Grant committee members.

ADJOURNMENT
Trustee Sullivan moved to adjourn; Trustee Sholtis seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

The next BOTAA meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, May 6, 2009 at Eastern Connecticut State University beginning at 10:00 a.m.