CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Chairman McHugh called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m., and declared a quorum present.
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Mr. Doyle, Committee Chairman, reported that the Academic Affairs Committee met on Wednesday, April 25, 2007 at the System Office. The Committee recommended resolutions to recognize university nominees for the first annual Trustees Teaching Awards and the second annual Trustees Research Awards. The resolutions honor members of the faculty who are distinguishing themselves for their exceptional work of the highest promise. Mr. Doyle added that the presentation of the university and system level awards was a celebration of the absolute finest in faculty and a fantastic opportunity to recognize just some of excellence that exists within the faculty of the Connecticut State University System.

Mr. Doyle asked the four university presidents to introduce the award recipients as recommended by their university’s peer-review committee.

Following introductory remarks by each university president, the following resolutions recognizing the university level teaching and research award honorees were adopted on a motion by Mr. Doyle and a second by Mr. Sholtis:

Resolution Honoring Dr. Matthew S. Warshauer – CCSU Research

WHEREAS, Through BR#06-06, the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University System reaffirmed its commitment to promote an environment that supports and recognizes faculty scholarly activities in their academic fields, and

WHEREAS, The Trustees of the Connecticut State University System established five research awards annually: one university award to a faculty member from each of the CSUS universities and a single system award, chosen among the four university awards, to the faculty member whose work best exemplifies high quality research/creative achievement throughout the entire CSUS, and

WHEREAS, The awards are designated for assistant or associate professors in good standing with the university who are doing research/creative work of exceptional promise and hold tenure-track or tenure positions upon nomination by colleagues, departments, schools, and/or self nomination and who demonstrate substantive contributions, achievements and scholarly activity in their field during the last five years, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Warshauer, an Associate Professor in the Department of History at Central Connecticut State University, has been recognized for his work in the field of U.S. Political History in the Jacksonian Era focusing on Sectionalism and the Civil War including two books, 8 articles in peer-reviewed publications, over six contributions to historical encyclopedias and series, 8 editorial publications and presentations, and 14 presentations at professional association meetings, and
WHEREAS, Dr. Warshauer has been selected by an appropriate peer-review process at CCSU and recommended to the System Review Committee of CSU University Professors, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System commends Dr. Warshauer for his academic and research achievements, congratulates him on receipt of the University Level Trustees Research Award and extends its best wishes for continued success in his academic endeavors, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chancellor of the Connecticut State University System will work with the university Presidents to ensure maximum visibility to this award through local and statewide print and electronic media.

Resolution Honoring Dr. Victoria S. Morley – CCSU Teaching

WHEREAS, Through BR#07-09, the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University System reaffirmed its commitment to promote an environment that supports and recognizes exemplary faculty teaching as an essential part of fulfilling the universities’ missions, and

WHEREAS, The Trustees of the Connecticut State University System established five teaching awards annually: one university award to a faculty member from each of the CSUS universities and a single system award, chosen among the four university awards, to the faculty member whose work best exemplifies the values, standards of excellence and consistent quality of teaching practice that are worthy of attention by the CSUS community and beyond, and

WHEREAS, The awards are designated for assistant or associate professors in good standing with the university who hold tenure-track or tenure positions upon nomination by colleagues, departments, schools, and/or self nominations and who have at least five years of demonstrated excellence in teaching practice and two years of collegial interactions resulting in the improvement of student learning in university programs (including the use of assessment of learning outcomes to improve instruction), and

WHEREAS, Dr. Morley, Associate Professor in the Department of Physical Education and Human Performance at Central Connecticut State University, is recognized by the university community and beyond as a an engaging teacher for her students, a thoughtful implementor of new technologies, an effective mentor to her colleagues and a driving force in the improvement of university programs through her daily involvement with students in the classroom, her participation and effective leadership in establishing program level curriculum improvements, her work with multiple committees at all levels, her leadership role in accreditation processes and her involvement in pre collegiate education, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Morley has been selected by an appropriate peer-review process at CCSU and recommended to the System Review Committee of CSU University Professors therefore, be it
RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System commends Dr. Morley for her excellence in teaching and effectiveness in collegial interactions resulting in the improvement of student learning, congratulates her on receipt of the University Level Trustees Teaching Award and extends its best wishes for continued success in these critical endeavors for the University, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chancellor of the Connecticut State University System will work with the university Presidents to ensure maximum visibility to this award through local and statewide print and electronic media.

Resolution Honoring Dr. Eric Christopher Martin – ECSU Research

WHEREAS, Through BR#06-06, the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University System reaffirmed its commitment to promote an environment that supports and recognizes faculty scholarly activities in their academic fields, and

WHEREAS, The Trustees of the Connecticut State University System established five research awards annually: one university award to a faculty member from each of the CSUS universities and a single system award, chosen among the four university awards, to the faculty member whose work best exemplifies high quality research/creative achievement throughout the entire CSUS, and

WHEREAS, The awards are designated for assistant or associate professors in good standing with the university who are doing research/creative work of exceptional promise and hold tenure-track or tenure positions upon nomination by colleagues, departments, schools, and/or self nomination and who demonstrate substantive contributions, achievements and scholarly activity in their field during the last five years, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin, Assistant Professor of Management in the Department of Business Administration at Eastern Connecticut State University, has been recognized for his work in the management issues in international development assistance and the evolution of inter-organizational relationships of media development and deployment, privatization of state-owned enterprises and refugee return and agrarian reform including five book chapters and more than 7 research articles in peer-reviewed publications, four in editor-reviewed publications and 16 national and international presentations at professional association meetings, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin has been selected by an appropriate peer-review process at ECSU and recommended to the System Review Committee of CSU University Professors, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System commends Dr. Martin for his academic and research achievements, congratulates him on receipt of the University Level Trustees Research Award and extends its best wishes for continued success in his academic endeavors, and be it further
RESOLVED, That the Chancellor of the Connecticut State University System will work with the university Presidents to ensure maximum visibility to this award through local and statewide print and electronic media.

Resolution Honoring Dr. Elizabeth A. Cowles – ECSU Teaching

WHEREAS, Through BR#07-09, the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University System reaffirmed its commitment to promote an environment that supports and recognizes exemplary faculty teaching as an essential part of fulfilling the universities’ missions, and

WHEREAS, The Trustees of the Connecticut State University System established five teaching awards annually: one university award to a faculty member from each of the CSUS universities and a single system award, chosen among the four university awards, to the faculty member whose work best exemplifies the values, standards of excellence and consistent quality of teaching practice that are worthy of attention by the CSUS community and beyond, and

WHEREAS, The awards are designated for assistant or associate professors in good standing with the university who hold tenure-track or tenure positions upon nomination by colleagues, departments, schools, and/or self nominations and who have at least five years of demonstrated excellence in teaching practice and two years of collegial interactions resulting in the improvement of student learning in university programs (including the use of assessment of learning outcomes to improve instruction), and

WHEREAS, Dr. Cowles, Associate Professor in the Department of Biology at Eastern Connecticut State University, is recognized by the university community and beyond as a model teacher drawing on her impressive research credentials, an educator able to integrate biology with her knowledge of physical sciences and society to engage and motivate students, a thoughtful implementor of technologies in teaching and learning, an inspiring force for students to engage in independent research, a key participant in major curricular undertakings emphasizing the liberal arts mission of the University and a leader in large scale educational initiatives (exemplified by her role in the Advanced Placement program at the state and national levels), and

WHEREAS, Dr. Cowles has been selected by an appropriate peer-review process at ECSU and recommended to the System Review Committee of CSU University Professors therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System commends Dr. Cowles for her excellence in teaching and effectiveness in collegial interactions resulting in the improvement of student learning, congratulates her on receipt of the University Level Trustees Teaching Award and extends its best wishes for continued success in these critical endeavors for the University, and be it further
RESOLVED, That the Chancellor of the Connecticut State University System will work with the university Presidents to ensure maximum visibility to this award through local and statewide print and electronic media.

Resolution Honoring Ms. Mia Brownell – SCSU Research

WHEREAS, Through BR#06-06, the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University System reaffirmed its commitment to promote an environment that supports and recognizes faculty scholarly activities in their academic fields, and

WHEREAS, The Trustees of the Connecticut State University System established five research awards annually: one university award to a faculty member from each of the CSUS universities and a single system award, chosen among the four university awards, to the faculty member whose work best exemplifies high quality research/creative achievement throughout the entire CSUS, and

WHEREAS, The awards are designated for assistant or associate professors in good standing with the university who are doing research/creative work of exceptional promise and hold tenure-track or tenure positions upon nomination by colleagues, departments, schools, and/or self nomination and who demonstrate substantive contributions, achievements and scholarly activity in their field during the last five years, and

WHEREAS, Ms. Brownell, Associate Professor of Art in the Department of Art at Southern Connecticut State University, has been recognized for her creative research in the art and tradition of still life painting combining Old Master realism and Modern Master abstraction techniques and including 8 solo exhibits in recognized art museums and galleries, 64 group exhibits, 18 visiting artist lectures and panels and numerous articles in national and regional newspapers and specialized magazines, and

WHEREAS, Ms. Brownell has been selected by an appropriate peer-review process at SCSU and recommended to the System Review Committee of CSU University Professors, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System commends Ms. Brownell for her academic and research achievements, congratulates her on receipt of the University Level Trustees Research Award and extends its best wishes for continued success in her academic endeavors, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chancellor of the Connecticut State University System will work with the university Presidents to ensure maximum visibility to this award through local and statewide print and electronic media.

Resolution Honoring Dr. Mary H. Purdy – SCSU Teaching

WHEREAS, Through BR#07-09, the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University System reaffirmed its commitment to promote an environment that supports and
recognizes exemplary faculty teaching as an essential part of fulfilling the universities’ missions, and

WHEREAS, The Trustees of the Connecticut State University System established five teaching awards annually: one university award to a faculty member from each of the CSUS universities and a single system award, chosen among the four university awards, to the faculty member whose work best exemplifies the values, standards of excellence and consistent quality of teaching practice that are worthy of attention by the CSUS community and beyond, and

WHEREAS, The awards are designated for assistant or associate professors in good standing with the university who hold tenure-track or tenure positions upon nomination by colleagues, departments, schools, and/or self nominations and who have at least five years of demonstrated excellence in teaching practice and two years of collegial interactions resulting in the improvement of student learning in university programs (including the use of assessment of learning outcomes to improve instruction), and

WHEREAS, Dr. Purdy, Associate Professor in the Department of Communication Disorders at Southern Connecticut State University, is recognized by the university community and beyond as a model teacher able to bridge theory and practice by integrating her extensive clinical experiences in neurogenic communication disorders with daily teaching, a leader in the use of interdisciplinary group of students to enhance engagement and learning and a promoter of the scholarship of learning among her colleagues, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Purdy has been selected by an appropriate peer-review process at SCSU and recommended to the System Review Committee of CSU University Professors therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System commends Dr. Purdy for her excellence in teaching and effectiveness in collegial interactions resulting in the improvement of student learning, congratulates her on receipt of the University Level Trustees Teaching Award and extends its best wishes for continued success in these critical endeavors for the University, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chancellor of the Connecticut State University System will work with the university Presidents to ensure maximum visibility to this award through local and statewide print and electronic media.

Resolution Honoring Dr. Shouha Qi – WCSU Research

WHEREAS, Through BR#06-06, the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University System reaffirmed its commitment to promote an environment that supports and recognizes faculty scholarly activities in their academic fields, and

WHEREAS, The Trustees of the Connecticut State University System established five research awards annually: one university award to a faculty member from each of the CSUS universities and a single system award, chosen among the four
university awards, to the faculty member whose work best exemplifies high quality research/creative achievement throughout the entire CSUS, and

WHEREAS, The awards are designated for assistant or associate professors in good standing with the university who are doing research/creative work of exceptional promise and hold tenure-track or tenure positions upon nomination by colleagues, departments, schools, and/or self nomination and who demonstrate substantive contributions, achievements and scholarly activity in their field during the last five years, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Qi, Associate Professor of English in the Department of English Language, Comparative Literature and writing at Western Connecticut State University has been recognized for his research and writing building a bridge of cross-cultural understanding including five books of fiction and nonfiction and a textbook, editor contributions to publications in the U.S. and China, numerous scholarly papers, presentations and language guides in the two languages, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Qi has been selected by an appropriate peer-review process at WCSU and recommended to the System Review Committee of CSU University Professors, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System commends Dr. Qi for his academic and research achievements, congratulates him on receipt of the University Level Trustees Research Award and extends its best wishes for continued success in his academic endeavors, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chancellor of the Connecticut State University System will work with university President to ensure maximum visibility to this award through local and statewide print and electronic media.

Resolution Honoring Dr. Ruth A. Gyure – WCU Teaching

WHEREAS, Through BR#07-09, the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University System reaffirmed its commitment to promote an environment that supports and recognizes exemplary faculty teaching as an essential part of fulfilling the universities’ missions, and

WHEREAS, The Trustees of the Connecticut State University System established five teaching awards annually: one university award to a faculty member from each of the CSUS universities and a single system award, chosen among the four university awards, to the faculty member whose work best exemplifies the values, standards of excellence and consistent quality of teaching practice that are worthy of attention by the CSUS community and beyond, and

WHEREAS, The awards are designated for assistant or associate professors in good standing with the university who hold tenure-track or tenure positions upon nomination by colleagues, departments, schools, and/or self nominations and who have at least five years of demonstrated excellence in teaching practice and two years of collegial interactions resulting in the improvement of student learning in
university programs (including the use of assessment of learning outcomes to improve instruction), and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gyure, Assistant Professor in the Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences at Western Connecticut State University, is recognized by the university community and beyond as a leader teacher and innovator whose approach incorporates the strength of content knowledge with the latest pedagogical knowledge, an inspiring educator introducing inquiry-based learning methods and the thoughtful use of instructional technologies, an attentive teacher able to pre-assess students’ understandings to create just-in-time teaching opportunities, a force in the introduction of the highest level courses in the department, an inspiration for students in their undertaking independent research and an exemplary leader and colleague in the use of assessment of student learning at the department, school and university levels, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gyure has been selected by an appropriate peer-review process at WCSU and recommended to the System Review Committee of CSU University Professors therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System commends Dr. Gyure for her excellence in teaching and effectiveness in collegial interactions resulting in the improvement of student learning, congratulates her on receipt of the University Level Trustees Teaching Award and extends its best wishes for continued success in these critical endeavors for the University, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chancellor of the Connecticut State University System will work with the university Presidents to ensure maximum visibility to this award through local and statewide print and electronic media.

Following the introduction of the university level teaching and research award honorees, Mr. Doyle indicated it was his pleasure to recognize the contributions of Dr. Norton Mezvinsky who was the genesis of the awards presented at the meeting of the Board, first with the Research Awards in 2006 and followed up by this year’s inclusion of Teaching Awards. Mr. Doyle then turned to Chairman McHugh for the announcement of the system level award recipients.

Chairman McHugh indicated it was an honor and privilege to announce the selection of the system level awards. The system level nominees were selected among the university level nominees using a thorough review conducted by the Committee of CSU Professors. Chairman McHugh thanked the members of the Academic Affairs Committee and the Connecticut State University Professors Committee for their hard work in establishing these awards.

Chairman McHugh noted that the system level Trustees Teaching Award is recommended for a faculty member who has made deep connections between her contributions to the discipline and art of modern teaching. She is a recognized and effective innovator who
exemplifies the student-centered ideals of our university system. Chairman McHugh stated he was pleased to submit the name of Dr. Ruth A. Guyre of Western Connecticut State University for the system level Trustees Teaching Award.

Chairman McHugh stated that the system level Trustees Research Award is recommended for a faculty member whose examination of historical events is being recognized as critical for the examination of civil liberties in contemporary times. He is a prime example of how the work of our faculty results in long term benefits to the system and the state; a testimony to our universities’ ability to prepare highly capable, committed and dedicated scholars. Chairman McHugh stated he was pleased to submit the name of Dr. Matthew S. Warshauer of Central Connecticut State University for this award.

Chairman McHugh asked Mr. Doyle to move the resolution officially adopting the resolutions bestowing the awards and then invite these two distinguished members of our faculty to address the Board. On a motion by Mr. Doyle, with a second by Mr. Sholtis, the following resolutions were adopted:

**Resolution Honoring Dr. Matthew S. Warshauer – CSUS Trustees Research Award**

WHEREAS, Through BR#06-06, the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University System reaffirmed its commitment to promote an environment that supports and recognizes faculty scholarly activities in their academic fields, and

WHEREAS, The Trustees of the Connecticut State University System established five research awards annually: one university award to a faculty member from each of the CSUS universities and a single system award, chosen among the four university awards, to the faculty member whose work best exemplifies high quality research/creative achievement throughout the entire CSUS, and

WHEREAS, The awards are designated for assistant or associate professors in good standing with the university who are doing research/creative work of exceptional promise and hold tenure-track or tenure positions upon nomination by colleagues, departments, schools, and/or self nomination and who demonstrate substantive contributions, achievements and scholarly activity in their field during the last five years, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Warshauer, an Associate Professor in the Department of History at Central Connecticut State University, has been recommended by the System Review Committee of CSU University Professors to be distinguished with the system level research award with particular mention of his ground-breaking work on the first imposition of martial law in the U.S., its significance in the development of emergency powers in times of danger and its implications for civil liberties in contemporary times which has began to capture national attention, therefore be it
RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System commends Dr. Warshauer for his unique academic and research achievements, congratulates him on receipt of the System Level Trustees Research Award and extends its best wishes for continued success in his academic endeavors, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chancellor of the Connecticut State University System will work with the university Presidents to ensure maximum visibility to this award through local and statewide print and electronic media.

Resolution Honoring Dr. Ruth Gyure - CSUS Trustees Teaching Award

WHEREAS, Through BR#07-09, the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University System reaffirmed its commitment to promote an environment that supports and recognizes exemplary faculty teaching as an essential part of fulfilling the universities’ missions, and

WHEREAS, The Trustees of the Connecticut State University System established five teaching awards annually: one university award to a faculty member from each of the CSUS universities and a single system award, chosen among the four university awards, to the faculty member whose work best exemplifies the values, standards of excellence and consistent quality of teaching practice that are worthy of attention by the CSUS community and beyond, and

WHEREAS, The awards are designated for assistant or associate professors in good standing with the university who hold tenure-track or tenure positions upon nomination by colleagues, departments, schools, and/or self nominations and who have at least five years of demonstrated excellence in teaching practice and two years of collegial interactions resulting in the improvement of student learning in university programs (including the use of assessment of learning outcomes to improve instruction), and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gyure, Assistant Professor in the Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences at Western Connecticut State University, has been recommended by the System Review Committee of CSU University Professors to be distinguished with the system level teaching award with particular mention of her outstanding contributions in the science and art of modern teaching, use of inquiry-based learning, emphasis in integrating teaching with the process of discovery in science, introduction of innovative instructional technologies, use and promotion of assessment of learning at the course and program levels and high recognition and support by the leading professional society in her field for the advancement of methods of integrative learning, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gyure has been selected by an appropriate peer-review process at WCSU and recommended to the System Review Committee of CSU University Professors therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System commends Dr. Gyure for her excellence in teaching and effectiveness in collegial interactions resulting in the improvement of student learning, congratulates her
on receipt of the System Level Trustees Teaching Award and extends its best wishes for continued success in these critical endeavors for the University, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chancellor of the Connecticut State University System will work with the university Presidents to ensure maximum visibility to this award through local and statewide print and electronic media.

Chairman McHugh reported that the presidents needed to leave to attend a meeting convened by the Governor on Campus Safety. Representing the presidents in their stead were: Central: Dr. Carl Lovitt, Provost; Eastern: Dr. Michael Pernal, EVP; Southern: Dr. Selase Williams, Provost & VP Academic Affairs; and Western: MaryBeth Amyot, VP Finance and Administration

Dr. Warshauer and Dr. Gyure both addressed the Board of Trustees and expressed their appreciation for the honor bestowed by the board.

Mr. Doyle reiterated his appreciation to the Connecticut State University Professors for their expertise in making the selections for the system level awards and expressed his appreciation to Chairman McHugh for his support as well.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman McHugh requested a motion to accept the April 5, 2007 meeting minutes. Trustee Pugliese so moved; Trustee Rosa seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

CONSENT ITEMS

Chairman McHugh requested a motion to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: resolutions honoring student trustees Chris Ambrosio from Southern Connecticut State University and Fernando Franco from Western Connecticut State University, both of whom are graduating in May and the promotion and tenure recommendations for the four universities for 2007-2008 which were presented to the Finance and Administration Committee. Mr. Panciera so moved; Mr. Balducci seconded the motion and the following resolutions were approved unanimously. Mr. Ambrosio and Mr. Franco both expressed their appreciation for the honor and for the opportunity to serve on the Board of Trustees.

Resolution Honoring M. Fernando Franco

WHEREAS, M. Fernando Franco was elected to the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System by his fellow students at Western Connecticut State University in 2005 and served as a member of the
WHEREAS, Throughout his service as a Trustee, Mr. Franco has participated conscientiously in the work of the Board and has contributed thoughtful insights from the perspective of a student as well as from the perspective of a citizen, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Franco has demonstrated a faithful commitment to the welfare of present and future students, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Franco’s service on the Board of Trustees will conclude upon his graduation from Western Connecticut State University, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System expresses to Fernando Franco its appreciation for his many contributions to the work of the Board and extends to him its best wishes for a rewarding and fulfilling future.

Resolution Honoring Christopher Ambrosio

WHEREAS, Christopher L. Ambrosio was elected to the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System by his fellow students at Southern Connecticut State University in early 2006 and served as a member of the Student Life Committee, and

WHEREAS, Throughout his service as a Trustee, Mr. Ambrosio has participated conscientiously in the work of the Board and has contributed thoughtful insights from the perspective of a student as well as from the perspective of a citizen, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ambrosio has demonstrated a faithful commitment to the welfare of present and future students, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ambrosio’s service on the Board of Trustees will conclude upon his graduation from Southern Connecticut State University, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System expresses to Christopher Ambrosio its appreciation for his many contributions to the work of the Board and extends to him its best wishes for a rewarding and fulfilling future.

CHANCELLOR’S REPORT

Chancellor Carter offered his deep appreciation to Chairman McHugh and Academic Affairs Committee Chairman John Doyle for their advocacy and support of the trustees
teaching and research awards, noting that it will spark continued excellence in both teaching and research throughout the university system.

Chancellor Carter advised the Board as to the status of the Technology Groupware/E-Mail Survey, stating that a review of compelling survey data by the Council of Presidents led to a decision to proceed with Microsoft Outlook/Exchange as the common e-mail system. This completes Phase I; CSUS is currently in the process of forming a task force, comprised of individuals from the universities and within the System Office, to identify all of the process steps that need to be addressed for implementation at the universities and in the System Office. Chancellor Carter expressed his appreciation of the presidents’ efforts to ensure compliance with the mandate of the Board in moving towards a single e-mail system and added that CSUS will be able to demonstrate progress to the auditors and the Security Consultant in this regard.

The Chancellor also addressed the Board regarding the Office of the Attorney General and the U.S. Department of Education’s plans to follow-up on material CSUS recently provided regarding student loan companies, as part of a statewide inquiry. The Chancellor has advised the Attorney General’s office that CSUS is appreciative of their efforts to ensure that students attending institutions of higher education within the State of Connecticut may seek the funding necessary to support their educational endeavors with confidence and trust. The Attorney General’s Office has been advised by Chancellor Carter that the Connecticut State University System remains ready and willing to assist them in any investigation.

Chancellor Carter also expressed his condolences on the recent passing of two long-time faculty members of the Connecticut State University System: David Pedersen, former VP of Student Affairs at Southern and Dr. Florence Ellen (FE) Lowe, Professor Emerita at Southern

Chancellor Carter pointed out the following items in the trustees’ board folders:

Public Act 07-19 Technical Changes to CSUS Statutes – The Act makes several changes to the way the four student trustees are elected, changing from November to July the date when a student member of the board’s can be seated. Under current law, if a student board member graduates in May, the universities are not able to seat a new student representative until November, leaving the position vacant for six months. The bill also changes the head of the CSU System's title from “executive secretary” to “chancellor,” which conforms to existing practice.

AGB Top Ten Public Policy Issues for Higher Education – an executive summary and an in-depth analysis of each of the public policy issues affecting higher education.

AASCU Policy Matters Brief – Update on Advanced Placement. Paper provides a brief overview of the facts and trends related to the Advanced Placement program.
AUDIT SUBCOMMITTEE

Trustee Messina, Chairman of the Audit Subcommittee reported that the Committee recently met with representatives of PriceWaterhouseCoopers, the auditing firm for the CSU System, to begin the planning for this year’s fiscal audit of the combined Financial Statements of the Connecticut State University System. PwC confirmed their independence and outlined their audit scope for the Committee. Mr. Messina stated that as part of their audit, PwC will be reviewing the progress made in resolving issues identified in their last Report to Management and may expand their testing in the Information Technology area:

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Reporting for Committee Chairman Krapek, Mr. Balducci reported that the Finance and Administration Committee met on Friday, May 4th, and had one action item to bring before the Board.

*The use of designated fund balances to finance recreation, intramural and athletic fields at Central Connecticut State University.* Mr. Balducci reported that on July of 2006, Central Connecticut State University brought an information item before the Finance and Administration Committee regarding a proposed plan for improvements to their Recreation, Intramural and Athletic fields. Since that time, the university has completed a master plan feasibility study and a site assessment study which included estimated costs and draft schedules for each phase of the program, as well as requirements for environmental and construction permits to complete the projects.

The proposed improvements would be completed in a phased approach over two to three years and would include: Improvement to and relocation of the Baseball and Softball Fields; Construction of two-sided seating and associated support facilities for Lacrosse/Football/Recreation/Soccer/Track activities; a new synthetic turf field for Soccer and Track and Field events between Arute Field and the other ball fields; an eight-lane running track around the perimeter of the new soccer field; and a new recreational field to serve as the location for all campus intramural outdoor sports activities, as well as supplemental track and field events.

Mr. Balducci reported that the total cost for all phases of construction and renovation was anticipated to be $9,587,500. The full cost of the program will be funded from student fees, which have been specifically collected for athletic and recreational purposes as part of the University General Fee since 2002.
Mr. Balducci stated that authorization of the program is contingent upon receipt of all approvals required under CGS 10-99(b), which states that repairs, alterations, or additions to facilities supported by operating funds and costing one million dollars or more requires the approval of the General Assembly, or, when the General Assembly is not in session, the Finance Advisory Committee.

(An observer to the Board meeting identified himself as Dr. Timothy Craine and asked to speak to the issue prior to the vote. Chairman McHugh noted the item had been in various stages of discussion since July of 2006, and, while he appreciated and welcomed input, the Board had a policy on public access and any concerns should have been raised at the appropriate committee meeting prior to the current meeting of the full Board.)

Mr. Balducci moved the resolution and upon a second by Mr. Panciera, the following resolution was adopted unanimously.

WHEREAS, Central Connecticut State University (CCSU) has made several critical improvements to its Recreation/Intercollegiate Athletics programs, and

WHEREAS, CCSU undertook a master plan feasibility study to determine if improvements and additions could be made to existing recreation and athletic facilities, and

WHEREAS, The feasibility study proposes a series of projects to be undertaken in seven phases over several years, and

WHEREAS, CCSU students have requested and been promised improvements to these facilities since 2002, and

WHEREAS, The full cost of these projects will be funded from student fees collected since 2002 by CCSU specifically for athletic/recreational purposes, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That CCSU is authorized to finance improvements to Recreation, Intramural and Athletic Facilities from their Plant Fund contingent upon receipt of all approvals required under CGS 10a-99(b).

Mr. Balducci added that the Committee also reviewed and approved recommendations for faculty promotion and tenure from each of the Presidents for 2007, which was approved by the Board previously under Consent.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairman McHugh noted that the Executive Committee met on Friday, May 4, 2007 and had no action items to bring before the Board, other than the resolutions honoring graduating
student trustees, Chris Ambrosio and Fernando Franco, which were approved on consent. Chairman McHugh reiterated his appreciation for the work both trustees performed as they represented not only their own university but also the entire Connecticut State University System.

Chairman McHugh stated that the Chancellor brought the Committee up to date on several issues, including the Governor’s Summit concerning Campus Crisis Response. The Committee received independent audit reports on the university foundations for both Western and Southern. The Committee also received an update from Dr. Carter regarding improvements to the spending plan process. The Chancellor and staff are in the process of reviewing the Board bylaws and anticipate coming back to Executive Committee with suggested revisions for consideration.

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

Chairman McHugh stated that President Nuñez’ inauguration was a great day for Eastern and for the entire university system as well. He referenced the upcoming dinner meeting with SUOAF and stated that he appreciated those trustees who continue to step up to participate in these extremely worthwhile meetings.

The Chairman referenced the university commencement schedules in the trustees’ packets and offered thanks and appreciation to those trustees who are attending and extending greetings on behalf of the entire Board.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Pugliese moved to adjourn; Mr. Doyle seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa J. Eberhard-Asch, Secretary