Following roll call, Chairman McHugh called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., declaring a quorum present.
OATH OF OFFICE TO NEW STUDENT TRUSTEE

Chairman McHugh administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Andrew Chu, the new student trustee elected by students of Southern Connecticut State University, and welcomed him to the Board.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chairman McHugh requested a motion to adopt the November 13, 2008 agenda as presented. Trustee Balducci moved; Trustee Pugliese seconded. And the Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman McHugh requested a motion to accept the Minutes of the October 8, 2008 meeting minutes; Trustee Doyle so moved; Trustee Sullivan seconded; motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT ITEMS

Chairman McHugh requested a motion to accept the consent calendar as proposed which consisted of two resolutions. Trustee Sullivan so moved; Trustee Sholtis seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Authority to Request Approval from the Department of Public Works for any Acquisition or Purchase of Equipment, Furniture or Personal Property Using CSUS 2020 Funds

WHEREAS, Sections 10a-91a through 10a-91h of the Connecticut General Statutes establish “The Connecticut State University System Infrastructure Act” (“CSUS 2020”) and authorize the issuance of up to $950,000,000.00 in general obligation bonds over a ten-year period beginning in fiscal year 2009 for the purpose of renewing, modernizing, enhancing, expanding, acquiring and maintaining the infrastructure of the Connecticut State University System, and

WHEREAS, Section 10a-91d(f) of the Connecticut General Statutes requires that the Board of Trustees request, in writing, approval from the Department of Public Works for each acquisition and/or purchase of equipment, furniture, or other personal property using CSUS 2020 funds, and

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees recognizes that these acquisition and purchase requests may be numerous and time sensitive in nature, and
WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees, pursuant to Section 10a-89 of the Connecticut General Statutes, “shall provide for the administration of the Connecticut State University System” and employ professional staff needed to maintain and operate the institutions within its jurisdiction and prescribe their duties, and

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees has employed a Chancellor, whose duties are described in the Position Description appended hereto, and

WHEREAS, As set forth in said Position Description, the Board has determined that the Chancellor of the Connecticut State University System shall represent the Board “before external agencies of state government,” act as “the Board’s Chief Agent for the development of system budgets [and] master planning activit[ies],” and work “on such other activities as the Board shall require from time to time”, and

WHEREAS, The Chancellor and his staff are uniquely positioned to evaluate the needs of the CSUS institutions with regard to the acquisition of equipment, furniture and other personal property using CSUS 2020 funds, and

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees has accordingly determined that it is appropriate that the Chancellor request approval from the Department of Public Works for the acquisition and/or purchase of such equipment, furniture and other personal property, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System hereby delegates to the Chancellor of the Connecticut State University System the authority to request approval from the Department of Public Works, on its behalf, for any acquisition and/or purchase of equipment, furniture or other personal property using CSUS 2020 funds.

Use of Designated Fund Balances to Fund the Public Safety Facility Project at Central Connecticut State University

WHEREAS, Central Connecticut State University (CCSU) has requested the use of designated fund balances in the amount of $500,000 to provide some flexibility for unforeseen cost variances in the Public Safety Facility Project,

WHEREAS, The University has made every effort to ensure that this project remain within available funding, including a square footage reduction, and

WHEREAS, BR#08-39 requires that any use of fund balance totaling $250,000 or greater be approved by the Board of Trustees, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That CCSU is authorized to transfer up to $500,000 from their Plant Reserve Fund to fund the Public Safety Facility Project at CCSU.

CHANCELLOR AND PRESIDENTS’ REPORT
Chancellor Carter welcomed Andrew Chu and Ken Barone as student trustees and reported that the university presidents would be presenting reports on enrollment at the universities.

Chancellor Carter provided the Board with copies of a systemwide communication concerning the projected shortfalls, along with copies of the letters which each president distributed throughout their respective communities.

Dr. Carter spoke briefly regarding the current financial situation in the State of Connecticut and referenced an October 7th meeting at the Governor’s Residence which included representatives (chancellors and presidents) of the state’s public higher education constituent units. Remarking that the

Chancellor Carter noted there would be necessary financial sacrifices but in the final analysis CSUS will be better as this is a time of opportunity stating that it is not money that moves an organization forward, but, rather, the people: the students, trustees, faculty and staff.

The university presidents provided Board members with copies of enrollment reports for their universities and gave an overview of the data therein.

President Miller distributed a copy of Central’s annual report and shared an overview of accomplishments and initiatives undertaken at Central over the past year.

Chairman McHugh expressed his appreciation to the presidents for the quality of their presentation and the reports and commended their efforts and success with retention, diversity and graduation rates. The Chairman stated the Board was committed to its goal of ensuring the universities are institutions of first choice and that he was very proud of the Chancellor and the presidents for all their work over the course of the past year.

Chairman McHugh also expressed his appreciation to John Doyle, Chairman of the BOT Academic Affairs Committee, for efforts in moving forward with engineering degree.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Trustee Doyle reported that the Academic Affairs Committee met on Wednesday, October 22, 2008 at Western Connecticut State University and recommended the following:

A resolution to approve a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism at Central Connecticut State University. The program was developed from a recommendation by the Journalistic Integrity Taskforce at the university. It consolidates courses offered by current faculty at the English and Communication departments. The program places a unique emphasis in preparing students to work in new forms of electronic journalism, to use advanced technology tools and to maintain a
global and multicultural orientation in the profession. The program offers options in print or broadcasting tracks. The program requires completion of a minimum of 122 credits including 40 credits in journalism and 44 credits in general education designated by the School of Arts and Sciences. Trustee Doyle noted that the resolution calls for the university to submit to the Academic Affairs Committee at its September, 2010 meeting an enrollment report with actual versus projections in the proposal.

**Trustee Doyle moved approval of the resolution; Trustee Sullivan seconded the motion and the following resolution was approved unanimously**

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System approves Central Connecticut State University’s proposal to offer a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism degree program, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the university submits to the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board at its September 2010 meeting an enrollment report with actual versus projected enrollments in the program, and be it further

RESOLVED, That under the authority granted to the Board of Trustees for Connecticut State University System in Chapter 185b, Section 10a-87 and 10a-149 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Chancellor of the Connecticut State University System is authorized to seek licensure and accreditation for this program from the Connecticut Board of Governors for Higher Education.

The Committee reviewed the format for reporting on Centers and Institutes. The Committee received the BOGHE meeting reports and congratulated CSUS appointees to the BOGHE Advisory Committee on Accreditation. The Committee welcomed Dr. Emmanuel Emenyonu from the Faculty Senate at SCSU who will be attending the meetings in substitution of Dr. James Fullmer, also of SCSU.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE/CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

Chairman McHugh noted that the Executive Committee’s items had been approved on consent at the top of the meeting. The Chairman spoke briefly to the following items:

Thanked Central faculty and staff who took the time to attend the meeting;

Reminded everyone about the CSUS 25th Anniversary event that evening at the Legislative Office Building;
Expressed his support for those participating in the BOT dinner meetings, both faculty, trustees and administration, alike;

Upon a request by the Chairman, Trustee Doyle gave a brief overview of the CSU Professors and their recent successful collaborative efforts.

Chairman McHugh touched upon the touch economic times adding that he is extremely optimistic that CSUS has the ability to not only persevere but to flourish and grow in becoming a university of choice for both residents and out of state students. He assured everyone present that working together with SUOAF, AAUPO, the Board, University Presidents, and the Chancellor, the universities and the System will successfully navigate the tough economic waters ahead.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Balducci moved to adjourn; Trustee Pugliese seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa J. Eberhard-Asch, Secretary