
ABSENT: Vice-Chairman Richard J. Balducci, L. David Panciera

CSUS: Chancellor David Carter, Dr. Louise Feroe, David Trainor, and Erin Fitzgerald

Following roll call and determination of a quorum, Chairman Krapek called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
The minutes from the October 13, 2010 meeting were unanimously approved as presented on a motion by Trustee Sholtis and seconded by Trustee Eberhard Asch.

MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION
On a motion by Trustee Pugliese, seconded by Trustee Sholtis, with all committee members voting in the affirmative, the meeting moved to Executive Session at 10:34 a.m., for the purpose of discussion of the Chancellor’s Evaluation of University Presidents and the Letters of Priority.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION
At 11:00 a.m. Chairman Krapek declared the Committee meeting to be in Open Session and indicated that no votes were taken in Executive Session.

STRATEGIC FOCUS INITIATIVE (status update)
Dr. Feroe reported that the working groups have initiated meetings and they are all on track to provide a report at the end of the year. Each president, along with Dr. Feroe, will be providing brief updates on their workgroup’s progress at the December 10, 2010 Board meeting. Trustee Doyle expressed his concern that the end product of the workgroups not be submitted as a final document for approval, but, rather, as a document for the Board’s review allowing for input and suggested revisions. He stressed that the matter extended beyond management and into a policy matter which required the committed deliberation of Board members prior to adoption.

OTHER ISSUES
- Chancellor Carter shared preliminary committee board self-evaluation form for the chairs of the standing Board Committees review and asked that any comments or revisions be provided to Erin Fitzgerald.
- Chancellor Carter and David Trainor provided members with updates on ongoing personnel-related matters at the System Office and the universities,
ONGOING COST-SAVING MEASURES (update)
Pam Kedderis reported on ongoing cost-saving measures since 2007 resulting in a savings of approximately $48 million (with some savings projected through FY11). It was noted that cost avoidance measures and conservation efforts would continue across the System. Chancellor Carter indicated that the preliminary report on cost-saving measures was a preliminary report and he expected that a more comprehensive report would be provided in connection with the mid-term spending plan reviews.

OTHER ISSUES (continued)
• Trustee Doyle shared comments received by faculty after the December 1st Academic Affairs Committee (BOTAA) meeting, particularly the hiring of one-year appointments vs. tenure track appointments. BOTAA members were advised by faculty present that the effects of the one-year appointments were being felt on campus, with Trustee Doyle noting that the faculty members who addressed the BOTAA were frank in their observation on the negative impact. Both Chancellor Carter and AVC Trainor noted that every president had the authority to make a request to fill those positions which they wanted to fill. All requests received by the university presidents were approved, with only one request (which was ultimately approved upon resubmittal) referred back to the university president for further review. As to the issue of limitations, specifically student advising, that was an area which was not precluded by contract. The areas where a one-year appointee could not serve would be on the promotion and tenure committees, departmental evaluations, chair of a curriculum committee. AVC Trainor added that the Board and the administration have done an effective job in allocating resources where they most impact the students and when making necessary adjustments, to ensure the least disruption to students.
• Chancellor Carter referenced additional material provided to Executive Committee members: updated alumni and enrollment maps; CSUS “family album” photo page of state legislators who attended CSUS institutions; and brochures highlighting a) Mission & Vision; b) Key Facts & Statistics; c) Achieving Savings & Avoiding Costs; and d) System Office: Providing Value.

ADJOURNMENT
The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m. on a motion by Trustee Doyle and seconded by Trustee Sholtis.
CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES – EXECUTIVE SESSION
10:30 a.m., December 2, 2010
Boardroom, System Office
39 Woodland Street, Hartford, CT


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EXECUTIVE SESSION – CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Krapek called the Executive Session of the Special Meeting of the Executive Committee to order at 10:34 a.m., reminding Committee members that the Executive Session was for discussion purposes of the Chancellor’s Evaluation of University Presidents and the Letters of Priority.

General discussion ensued.

The Committee returned to open session at 11:00 a.m.

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