CALL TO ORDER

Chairman McHugh called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m., declared a quorum present and requested a motion to accept the Regular Session Minutes of March 3, 2006. Mr. Sholtis so moved; Mr. Doyle seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.
The Chairman introduced new Trustee Christopher L. Ambrosio, recently elected by the students at Southern Connecticut State University. Chairman McHugh administered the oath of office to Mr. Ambrosio.

**CHANCELLOR/PRESIDENTS’ REPORTS**

Chancellor Carter provided brief remarks on various issues. He commented upon the issue of articulation with the community colleges, noting that he had formed a committee to study this issue and that one of his main goals is to set forth a document that can be widely distributed and clearly speaks to the issues that have been raised regarding transferability. The Chancellor advised that he has formed a task force concerning telecommunications, primarily concerning voice. Chancellor Carter thanked ECSU’s Chief Information Officer, George Kahkedjian, who is on assignment from Eastern for three-months at the System Office. Mr. Kahkedjian will be coordinating and staffing both the Telecommunications Task Force and the committee to study articulation. Chancellor Carter also thanked SCSU President Norton and Dr. Selase Williams for their input on the articulation committee.

Each president provided a brief mid-semester update covering events and initiatives at their universities. President Norton’s mid-semester update was incorporated within her annual report, which was provided at the end of the Board meeting.

**DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Trustee Gail Williams presented the Development Committee report. Ms. Williams reported that the Development Committee held a special conference call meeting on March 27th for the purpose of approving a gift from Lewis F. Zurlo & Associates to Western Connecticut State University. The gift, which consists of a collection of plans and drawings, office records pertaining to projects, plans and sketches, a collection of project photos, project catalogs, newspaper clippings and numerous artists’ renderings, will be added to the archives and special collections of the Ruth Haas Library at Western. Acceptance of this gift from Lewis F. Zurlo & Associates will provide students of art and design, history, preservation and countless other disciplines a uniquely enriching educational experience. The appraised value of the gift is $639,236. Ms. Williams moved the following resolution; Mr. Panciera seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.
WHEREAS, Western Connecticut State University’s Archival and Special Collections unit is committed to working with the Danbury community to collect personal and organizational records that represent the past, present and future of the community; and

WHEREAS, Lewis F. Zurlo and Associates, a firm that was founded in Danbury in 1973, has been engaged in countless projects for local, state, federal and private institutions as well as serving as architects for IBM, Union Savings Bank and the Savings Bank of Danbury; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Zurlo wishes to donate a collection consisting of his student and professional records; and

WHEREAS, The donation includes a collection of tubes containing plans and drawings, office records pertaining to projects, plans and sketches, a collection of project photos, project catalogs, newspaper clippings and numerous artists’ renderings, and

WHEREAS, This gift, valued at $639,236, will offer students of art and design, history, preservation and countless other disciplines a uniquely enriching educational experience at Western Connecticut State University through this collection, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System accepts the above gift from Lewis F. Zurlo and Associates to Western Connecticut State University.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Trustee Doyle reported that the Academic Affairs Committee met on Wednesday, March 22, 2006 at the Connecticut State University System Office and recommended the following:

A resolution to authorize Central Connecticut State University to seek licensure and accreditation for a Master of Arts in Teaching Program. The Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) program is designed to provide an accelerated route into shortage area classrooms while meeting all state and national accreditation standards. The program employs a cohort design to minimize resource demand and better predict resource needs. Candidates in this program are in mid-career, already have a bachelors degree and want to become teachers; they will receive a masters degree and initial licensure to teach when they complete the program. Emphasis is aimed at preparing professionals with a quality curriculum that will enhance their desire to stay in the field.

Mr. Doyle moved the following resolution; Fr. Sullivan seconded the motion and it 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 Master of Arts in Teaching degree program with specializations in Mathematics, Science, Spanish, English, Technology and Engineering Education, and Special Education, 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.

A resolution to authorize Central Connecticut State University to modify its Technology Education program and rename it Technology and Engineering Education Program. The Technology Education program has been offered at Central for over 60 years and it is still the only program of its kind in the State. The modification entails a change in the program name and requirements to reflect the addition of an engineering component. Emphasis will be placed on technological systems, multi-faceted learning strategies, problem-based design activities, and application of technological knowledge. The modification will also have the added effect of increasing resource sharing among the departments in the School of Technology. The revised courses reflect Connecticut K-12 goals and standards as well as national standards adopted by accrediting and oversight agencies.

Mr. Doyle moved the following resolution; Mr. Motley seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System approves Central Connecticut State University’s proposal to modify its current Bachelor of Science degree program in Technology Education and rename it as Technology and Engineering Education (K-12), 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.

A resolution to terminate the Center for Technology Research and Productivity at Western Connecticut State University. President Schmotter has indicated that there have been no activities run through this Center over the past several years and that he is not recommending renewal.

Mr. Doyle moved the following resolution; Fr. Sullivan seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

WHEREAS, The Center for Technology Research and Productivity was established at Western Connecticut State University by Board Resolution 99-8, and
WHEREAS, The President of Western Connecticut State University has evaluated the work of the Center and has recommended that it not be continued, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System hereby dissolves the Center for Technology Research and Productivity, effective June 30, 2006.

Mr. Doyle reported that the committee also discussed the Trustees Research Awards. The academic vice presidents reported on the process they are following on their campuses. Finalists will be presented to the committee when it meets in April and a recommendation with the names of the award recipients of the CSU Trustees Research Awards will be brought to the May meeting of this board. Mr. Doyle remarked that this award process provided an excellent opportunity to convene the Connecticut State University System professors, all of whom are fine men and women of great scholarship and outstanding teaching ability.

STUDENT LIFE

Mr. Panciera reported that the Student Life Committee met on March 17, 2006 and took action on the following item:

For the past 17 years, the Board of Trustees has honored graduating seniors from the entire system as recipients of the Connecticut State University System Foundation’s Henry Barnard Award with formal resolutions recognizing their academic achievement and voluntary commitment to their university and community.

This year, the 18th group of outstanding students is being honored. The 12 students being honored this year are as follows:

**CCSU:**
Romina Badal  
Erica M. Bordonaro  
Lukasz Szpakowski  
Evan Waletzko

**SCSU:**
Bonnie R. Bello  
Robert C. Keating  
Amanda Marie Kellogg  
Rebecca Jean Purcell

**ECSU:**
Sandra Boscarino  
Brian M. Whitehead

**WCSU:**
Cheryl Haller  
Stephanie S. O'Brien

Mr. Panciera moved the twelve resolutions honoring the aforementioned Barnard scholarship winners; Ms. Williams seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Mr. Panciera also reported that members of the Student Life Committee meeting had the opportunity to dialogue with members of the Student Advisory Board. Every year the Student
Life Committee invites the members of the Student Advisory Board to attend their meeting to
discuss their concerns. The Committee also reviewed a summary of the discussion that took
place in our joint meeting with Academic Affairs. Mr. Panciera stated that this summary
reaffirms the Committee’s commitment to be student-centered and address three critical areas:
Enhance the Synergy/Collaboration between Student Services and the University, Improve the
Provision of Student Services, and Assess Learning in Student Service Programs.

In concluding his report, Mr. Panciera noted that the Committee heard reports from the
universities regarding how they will incorporate the theme of Financial Literacy in orientation
sessions and/or in the curriculum.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Krapek reported that the Finance and Administration Committee met on Friday,
March 31, and had three action items to bring before the Board of Trustees.

Resolution concerning the modification of an existing utility easement to the
Connecticut Light And Power Company at the westside campus of Western Connecticut
State University

A 2001 Board resolution permitted the widening of an easement originally granted to
CL&P in 1973, to allow for the installation of new electrical service to the university and
community. However, this easement mandated the work be installed underground. In order to
meet the needs of the new student center, future buildings, and to accommodate the installation of
a road to serve the new magnet school, CL&P needs to install above ground equipment to
complete electrical service requirements. In addition, the width of the current easement does not
permit the installation of all the equipment necessary to meet those needs.

It is therefore necessary for the Board to authorize DPW to amend the existing easement
to allow CL&P to install additional above ground infrastructure. CL&P will be responsible for
operating and maintaining their utility infrastructure.

Mr. Krapek moved the following resolution; Mr. Balducci seconded the motion and it
was approved unanimously.

WHEREAS, In 1973, the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System granted
approval for an easement to the Connecticut Light and Power Company (CL&P) for
the installation, operation, and maintenance of underground utility lines (BR#73-49), and
WHEREAS, In 2001, the Board of Trustees approved the widening of said easement (BR#01-56) to facilitate the installation of a new duct bank to service additional buildings to be constructed on the Westside Campus, and

WHEREAS, CL&P has requested permission to install above-ground equipment to meet the needs of the University both within and beyond the boundaries of the existing easement, and

WHEREAS, The installation of all equipment will be coordinated between the University, CL&P and the Department of Public Works, and

WHEREAS, Expansion of the easement and authority to install above-ground equipment will permit the development of a new road to the City of Danbury’s magnet school, the construction of the new Westside Campus Student Center and other future WCSU buildings, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System amend Board Resolution #01-56 to authorize the Department of Public Works to expand the width of the existing utility easement and permit the installation of above-ground equipment by CL&P within said easement as indicated on Exhibit A - "Compilation Map Plan Showing Easements to be acquired from the State of Connecticut across Western Connecticut State University Campus Danbury, CT".

Resolution concerning Freedom of Information requests

Section 1-212(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes states that fees may be charged for copies provided in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act. This statute limits the amount that may be charged by any state agency to twenty-five cents per page, with the provision that the charge may not exceed the actual cost to the agency to produce the copies; allows the agency to require prepayment of the fee if it is estimated to be ten dollars or more; and restricts the charging of fees under certain circumstances, including when the requestor is an indigent individual or when the applicant’s request benefits the general welfare.

In September of 1990, the Board of Trustees passed Board Resolution #90-153, which further restricts fees charged for copies provided in response to Freedom of Information (FOI) requests at CSU. This resolution states that CSU may only charge fees for copies of documents requested pursuant to FOI requests when three or more FOI requests have been received from one individual during a six-month period, or isolated requests for documents of more than 50 pages.

However, CSU incurs copying expense whenever an FOI request involving copying is satisfied. Additionally, the charging of fees for FOI requests serves two purposes: it reimburses CSU for the real cost involved in responding to the request, and it discourages frivolous requests.

While CSU fully supports citizen access to the records and meetings of public agencies in the State of Connecticut, it also recognizes that there is a real cost to complying with most FOI requests. Not charging for an FOI request where specifically permitted under state statute places
an unfair burden on the System and its universities to absorb the unanticipated administrative costs involved in responding to the request. Mr. Krapek stated that the action before the Board would rescind BR#90-153 and permit CSU to charge for copies of information requested pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act to the fullest extent permitted by state statute.

Mr. Krapek moved the following resolution; Mr. Sholtis seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

WHEREAS, CSU fully supports citizen access to the records and meetings of public agencies in the State of Connecticut, and

WHEREAS, Section 1-212(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes provides that fees may be charged for copies provided in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, and

WHEREAS, Subsections of this statute limit the amount per copy that may be charged by any state agency, with the provision that the charge may not exceed the actual cost to the agency to produce the copies; provide for the ability to require prepayment of the fee if the fee is over a prescribed level; and restrict the charging of fees under certain circumstances, and

WHEREAS, Not charging for an FOI request where specifically permitted under state statute places an unfair burden on the System and its universities to absorb the unanticipated administrative costs involved in responding to the request, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That Board Resolution #90-153 is rescinded, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Connecticut State University System may charge for copies of information requested pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act to the fullest extent permitted by Section 1-212(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Connecticut State University Research Grants

Mr. Krapek noted that the CSU–AAUP/CSU–BOT Contract provides funding for Connecticut State University research grants to be distributed to each university according to a formula based on the number of full-time faculty at that university.

Proposals have been screened by a joint group of faculty appointed by management and AAUP with the approval of the Chancellor. Successful proposals are recommended to the Board for its approval within the budgeted funds. This year, the joint committee is recommending 158 proposals involving the efforts of 172 faculty members.

Mr. Krapek moved approval; Mr. Panciera seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairman McHugh reported that the Executive Committee met on Friday, March 31. At that meeting, Chancellor Carter introduced two new hires: Jill Ferraiolo, Executive Officer for
Governmental Relations; and Jim Brislin, Associate Executive Officer for IT Security. Both of these positions are critical to the Connecticut State University System as we move forward. Chairman McHugh also noted that Chancellor Carter continued to keep the members of the Executive Committee fully informed and that the Chancellor’s commitment to communication is appreciated by the Board. The Executive Committee also approved the proposed schedule for the Chancellor’s and Presidents’ Letters of Priority.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

ECSU Presidential Search is proceeding on track. We have received over 70 applicants from across the country. Chairman McHugh noted that more and more educators are looking to the State of Connecticut and the Connecticut State University System.

Chairman McHugh asked the Trustees to review the 2006 commencement schedule in their board folders and to advise Erin Fitzgerald if they were able to provide greetings. Chairman McHugh also noted that the Barnard Awards Dinner is scheduled for April 25 and encouraged attendance by the Trustees.

ANNUAL REPORT – SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

President Norton distributed a copy of Southern Connecticut State University’s Annual report highlighting the many accomplishment of the university noting that Southern is charting the course for urban education in the United States. President Norton also provided brief remarks prior to the airing of a video created by some of the students of Southern. Due to audio difficulties, it was decided to air the video following the adjournment of the meeting and immediately prior to the open forums.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Balducci moved to adjourn; Ms. Williams seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Eberhard-Asch, Secretary