Trustee Panciera called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Trustee Panciera welcomed Dr. Carter to the meeting.

1. **Action Items**
   A. The minutes of the November 2, 2009 Student Life Committee meeting were approved on a motion by Trustee G. Williams and seconded by Trustee Wetmore.

2. **Discussion Items**
   A. **Counseling and Support Services to Veterans**
      At the November meeting, Trustee G. Williams asked that the Student Affairs Vice Presidents report on the services provided to veterans at their campuses. Each reported they have provided a space for the veteran population to gather. Several items such as refrigerators, coffee and tea pots, and microwave ovens have been donated by other campus organizations. CCSU and SCSU have appointed Directors on staff. ECSU uses a committee and WCSU has put together a taskforce with members from the Bursar, Financial Aid, Housing and Student Affairs. CCSU noted they will be sponsoring a program on women in the military and also have the veteran's history project. The project can be viewed on the CCSU website.

   B. **Tracking Student Deaths**
      At the November meeting, Trustee G. Williams asked that the Student Affairs Vice Presidents report on the number of student deaths at their campuses. The SAVP’s reported the number of deaths on their campus explaining that they may not always be notified of the cause of death or location. Very few deaths occur on campus. The discussion then centered on the increasing mental health needs of students and whether the campus resources can provide the services needed.

   C. **Role and Responsibility of a Student Trustee**
      Trustee Wetmore distributed discussion points regarding the role of a student trustee. Chairman Panciera first wanted to clarify the distinction of a “student” trustee’s role as not being any different from any other trustee on the Board. Chairman Panciera also emphasized student participation is welcome at the Committee meetings and this is why we meet at each of the four campuses during the
year. Trustee Wetmore indicated that students may be intimidated by the Board and may not feel comfortable coming to the Board with an issue. Dr. Feroe noted that the Student Advisory Board would like to attend the BOTSL Committee meeting to discuss student issues. Dr. Tordenti indicated that the SGA president is also the SAB president and that there is a lot of communication among students with the SGA president. The SGA president is the student member to whom the student body should go to with any issues. Dr. Bernstein pointed out that many students don’t understand how the system works. Chairman Panciera would like to invite the SAB to the March BOTSL meeting.

3. **Informational Items**
   No items.

4. **Other**
   No items.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Wetmore moved to adjourn; Trustee Gagne seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

The next BOTSL meeting is scheduled as a joint meeting with BOTAA Committee members on **Tuesday, February 2, 2010** at the CSU System Office in Hartford beginning at **9:00 a.m.** This is a joint meeting with the academic affairs committee of the BOT.