

REGULAR SESSION
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FOR THE
CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

EASTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

May 18, 2006
10:00 a.m.

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Mr. Lawrence D. McHugh, Chairman	Mr. John H. Motley
Mr. Karl J. Krapek, Vice Chairman	Mr. L. David Panciera
Ms. Theresa J. Eberhard-Asch, Secretary	Mr. Ronald J. Pugliese
Christopher L. Ambrosio	Dr. Peter M. Rosa
Mr. Richard J. Balducci	Mr. Carl Segura
Mr. John A. Doyle	Mr. John R. Sholtis, Jr.
Mr. M. Fernando Franco	Fr. John P. Sullivan
Mr. Angelo J. Messina	Ms. Gail H. Williams

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

Ms. Cerissa Arpaio
Ms. Elizabeth Gagne

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:

David G. Carter, Chancellor, Connecticut State University System (CSU)
Jack W. Miller, President, Central Connecticut State University (CCSU)
Michael Pernal, Interim President, Eastern Connecticut State University (ECSU)
Cheryl J. Norton, President, Southern Connecticut State University (SCSU)
James W. Schmotter, President, Western Connecticut State University (WCSU)

GUESTS:

Dr. Elsa Nuñez, President-designee, ECSU

SYSTEM OFFICE BOARD STAFF:

Estela Lopez, Vice Chancellor; Pamela Kedderis, Chief Financial Officer; Yvette Melendez Thiesfield, Chief Administrative Officer; Anne Agee, Chief Information Officer; George Kahkedjian, Chief Information Officer for ECSU on special assignment to the System Office; and Erin Fitzgerald, Associate for Board Affairs

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 April 6, 2006. Mr. Balducci so moved; Mr. Doyle seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

CHANCELLOR/PRESIDENTS' REPORTS

Chancellor Carter pointed out the following materials in the Board folders: three AASCU publications (*Faculty Trends and Issues*, *Value-Added Assessment* and *Impact of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2006*), Colleges and Universities Pandemic Influenza Planning Checklist from the US Center for Disease Control and Prevention and a copy of the curriculum vitae for each of the four research award recipients.

Chancellor Carter stated that the presidents' reports for the meeting would be confined to their introductory remarks on the universities' research award recipients.

CONSENT ITEMS

Chairman McHugh requested a motion to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: resolutions honoring student trustees Cerissa Arpaio from Central Connecticut State University and Carl Segura from Eastern Connecticut State University, both of whom are graduating in May. Mr. Pugliese so moved; Ms. Eberhard-Asch seconded the motion and the following resolutions were approved unanimously.

Resolution #1 honoring Cerissa Arpaio

- WHEREAS, Cerissa Arpaio was elected to the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System by her fellow students at Central Connecticut State University in 2004 and served as a member of the Student Life Committee, and
- WHEREAS, Throughout her service as a Trustee, Ms. Arpaio 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, Ms. Arpaio has demonstrated a faithful commitment to the welfare of present and future students, and
- WHEREAS, Ms. Arpaio's service on the Board of Trustees will conclude upon her graduation from Central Connecticut State University, therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System expresses to Cerissa Arpaio its appreciation for her many contributions to the work of the Board and extends to her its best wishes for a rewarding and fulfilling future.

Resolution #2 honoring Carl Segura

- WHEREAS, Carl Segura was elected to the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System by his fellow students at Eastern Connecticut State University in 2004 and served as a member of the Student Life Committee, and
- WHEREAS, Throughout his service as a Trustee, Mr. Segura 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. Segura has demonstrated a faithful commitment to the welfare of present and future students, and
- WHEREAS, Mr. Segura's service on the Board of Trustees will conclude upon his graduation from Eastern Connecticut State University, therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System expresses to Carl Segura 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.

Chairman McHugh thanked Mr. Segura for his outstanding service to the board. Mr. Segura thanked his fellow trustee members and remarked that he appreciated the Board members all having the best interest of the students of the Connecticut State University System foremost in their hearts and mind in all their deliberations and decisions. Chairman McHugh also offered his appreciation for Ms. Arpaio's service on behalf of the entire board.

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Trustee Pugliese advised that the Development Committee held its regular meeting on April 21, 2006. As part of its regular agenda, the quarterly gift income reports from the universities were reviewed. All four universities continued to realize success with the various fundraising events and annual campaigns.

Mr. Pugliese stated that members of the Development Committee had expressed interest in a retreat for trustees, presidents and staff. Given the new leadership in place at the Connecticut State University System Office as well as at the universities, the Committee would like to discuss with the Chairman and Chancellor ideas concerning the issue of development at any planned retreats for members of the Board of Trustees.

The Committee also discussed the upcoming presentation by the university presidents at the July Board of Trustees meeting regarding university development and alumni activities.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Trustee Doyle reported that the Academic Affairs Committee met on April 26, 2006 at Eastern Connecticut State University and considered the following items:

The President of Eastern Connecticut State University expressed the desire to establish a Center for Early Childhood Education as an organized unit within the university and to further designate this center as a Connecticut higher education Center of Excellence and establish an endowed chair in Early Childhood Education.

Mr. Doyle referenced Eastern Connecticut State University's long history of preparing its students for careers as early childhood educators. In the 1990s Eastern's academic plan designated the early childhood program as a priority program for the university. The recently opened, state-of-the-art Child and Family Development Resource Center uses faculty expertise and a model educational program to serve local and regional early childhood needs. The Center will serve as a hub for innovation where new approaches to improving the lives of children and families can be designed and studied. The Center will also provide opportunities for faculty and students to develop best practices and provide research outcomes that will be shared with early childhood providers, social services and government agencies dealing with children and family issues.

Mr. Doyle also advised that the recent anonymous gift of \$500,000 enabled Eastern to propose an endowed chair in Early Childhood Education to support and strengthen the Center's expanding teaching, training and research mission. This combination of resources supports Eastern's plan to establish a Center for Early Childhood Education.

Mr. Doyle moved the resolution to establish a Center for Early Childhood Education to be designated a Connecticut higher education center of excellence; Mr. Pugliese seconded the motion and the following resolution was approved unanimously.

- WHEREAS, Providing quality child care is a statewide and national priority, and
- WHEREAS, Eastern Connecticut State University has a long history of preparing student teachers in the critical occupational field of early childhood education, and
- WHEREAS, Eastern Connecticut State University's academic plan has designated the early childhood education program as a priority program for the university, and
- WHEREAS, Eastern Connecticut State University strives to attain excellence in the field of early childhood education and play a leading role as a statewide resource in the field of pre-service and in-service training, and
- WHEREAS, The President of Eastern Connecticut State University has expressed the desire to establish a Center for Early Childhood Education to further its teaching, training and research goals in the field of early childhood education, and
- WHEREAS, The objectives of the Center are compatible with the mission of Eastern Connecticut State University and the Connecticut State University system, and
- WHEREAS, Such a Center will facilitate the attainment of these objectives and contribute substantially to university leadership in the field of early childhood education and benefit Eastern students, field practitioners and the society, and

- WHEREAS, Section 10a-25h(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes provides that the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System is "hereby authorized to establish and administer" centers to be known as Connecticut higher education centers of excellence, and
- WHEREAS, The educational, research and public service programs of the Center for Early Childhood Education, as described above, meet the criteria necessary to establish it as a center of excellence, therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System hereby authorizes the establishment of the Center for Early Childhood Education at Eastern Connecticut State University, and so designates the aforementioned Center as a Connecticut higher education center of excellence, and be it further
- RESOLVED, That the Center for Early Childhood Education may seek and receive contracts and grants from public and private organizations and may charge fees for services related to the purposes stated above provided that all applicable state and University regulations are observed, and be it further
- RESOLVED, That all funds received by the Center for Early Childhood Education shall be deposited in a fund of the Eastern Connecticut State University Foundation established for this Center. Such funds shall be used for the purposes of this Center and appropriate University support functions rendered to the Center, and be it
- RESOLVED, That the President of Eastern Connecticut State University is directed to periodically evaluate the functioning of the Center for Early Childhood Education in terms of its effectiveness, and shall no later than September 1, 2011 report the results of the evaluation with a recommendation to the Chancellor of the CSU System who in turn shall share this information with the Board of Trustees, and be it
- RESOLVED, That the Center for Early Childhood Education shall go out of existence on December 31, 2011, unless action to the contrary is taken by the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System.

Mr. Doyle moved the resolution to establish an endowed chair in Early Childhood Education; Mr. Pugliese seconded the motion and the following resolution was approved unanimously.

- WHEREAS, Under the provisions of Section 10a-20a of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Board of Governors of Higher Education may establish and administer an Endowed Chair Investment Fund, and
- WHEREAS, Eastern Connecticut State University has achieved \$500,000 in subscriptions to support an endowed chair in Early Childhood Education, and
- WHEREAS, The statutory deadline date for submission of applications to the Board of Governors of Higher Education is October 1, and
- WHEREAS, By separate action the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System has approved the establishment of the Center for Early Childhood Education at Eastern Connecticut State University and designated it as a "Connecticut higher education center of excellence," therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees requests that the Board of Governors of Higher Education affirm the above designation, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees hereby notifies the Board of Governors of Higher Education that Eastern Connecticut State University, a university within the CSU System, hereby applies for the establishment of an Endowed Chair in Early Childhood Education in the Center for Early Childhood Education.

Mr. Doyle reported that the committee received a recommendation to appoint Brian Charlebois, former Executive Vice President for Investment Banking at the First National Bank of New England to fill the American Savings Foundation Endowed Chair in Banking and Finance at Central Connecticut State University. The endowed chair was established in March 2003. Supportive documentation in President Miller's recommendation meets the provisions of Board policy and provide demonstrated evidence to support the university's objective that the endowed chair should be filled by an experienced individual with status as a chief executive or senior executive in the banking or financial services industry along with a record of state, national or international reputation in banking, finance or financial services.

Mr. Doyle moved the resolution to appoint Brian Charlebois to fill the American Savings Foundation Endowed Chair in Banking and Finance at Central Connecticut State University; Mr. Motley seconded the motion and the following resolution was approved unanimously.

WHEREAS, In March 2003, by Board Resolution 03-10, the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System established the American Savings Foundation Endowed Chair in Banking and Finance Center at Central Connecticut State University, and

WHEREAS, Section 10a-20a of the Connecticut General Statutes provides that the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System shall "select candidates to fill the endowed chair and shall develop a budget for expenditures associated with the chair", and

WHEREAS, The President of Central Connecticut State University, upon consultation with the Dean of the School of Business and Chair of the Department of Finance, has recommended that the endowed chair be filled by Mr. Brian Charlebois, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Charlebois will bring to the university a wealth of experience and credentials in the areas of commercial and investment banking and finance that will be valuable to the position, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Charlebois will be responsible for leading the effort to provide academic and outreach activities in banking and finance that benefit the CCSU community, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System designates Mr. Brian Charlebois to fill the American Savings Foundation Endowed Chair in Banking and Finance at Central Connecticut State University, effective September 2006-07, and be it further

RESOLVED, That Mr. Charlebois be appointed to the rank of Assistant Professor for the 2006-07 academic year.

The Academic Affairs Committee also received a recommendation from President Pernal that an honorary doctorate of humane letters degree be conferred on Robert Pinsky, former US poet-laureate. Dr. Pinsky is a professor in the creative writing program at Boston University and the consultant in poetry to the Library of Congress and founded the Favorite Poems Project, which sought to document that poetry had a vigorous presence in the American landscape. Mr. Doyle reported that Dr. Pinsky has confirmed that he would be present to receive the degree and will be the speaker at Eastern's spring 2006 commencement exercises.

Mr. Doyle moved to accept the nomination to confer an honorary doctorate of humane letters on Robert Pinsky; Mr. Pugliese seconded the motion and the nomination was approved unanimously.

Mr. Doyle reported that the committee also approved the recommendations from the universities of their candidates for the first Trustee Research Award. Mr. Doyle provided a brief history on the genesis of the Trustee Research Award and introduced Dr. Norton Mezvinsky from Central Connecticut State University as being the originator of the award. He noted that the idea was brought forth to the members of the Academic Affairs Committee at one of their campus visits. Mr. Doyle related that Dr. Mezvinsky pointed out at that time the wonderful scholarship occurring at each of the campuses, with junior and mid-level faculty particularly deserving of some recognition. Mr. Doyle also remarked that as an alumnus of the Connecticut State University System, it was a pleasure and a privilege to have the opportunity to meet the CSU professors. Mr. Doyle related that the CSU professors, prior to meeting to review the trustee research award recipients from each university for the purpose of selecting the system award recipient, had never been afforded the opportunity to meet as a group. Mr. Doyle stated that the research award had spawned several new initiatives: the CSU System professors intend to meet on campus once per semester and join in a conversation of disciplines and the professors also expressed a desire to meet as a group with the full Board of Trustees at a dinner meeting.

In closing, Mr. Doyle advised that the Academic Affairs Committee intends to recommend to the Finance & Administration Committee and to the full Board that a comparable award in teaching and learning be reinstated for the 2006-2007 academic year, following procedures similar to those implemented in the Trustee Research Award. Mr. Doyle asked the

four university presidents to introduce the award recipients as recommended by their university's peer-review committee.

President Miller introduced Dr. Ronald Casella, CCSU's Research Award recipient. Dr. Casella is an associate professor of teacher education and the author of some 20 research articles and three books on education. Dr. Casella has produced pathbreaking studies of societal effects on school systems and has focused particularly on the problems of violence in schools. Dr. Casella is currently spending his sabbatical conducting research on school and community violence in Johannesburg, South Africa. He has interviewed prison inmates and gang members to learn how school experiences impacted their lives; he has listened to police and social service workers as well as students and teachers to explore the wide ranging effects of zero-tolerance policies; and now, in Johannesburg, he is interviewing members of the Human Rights Commission and individuals at the Center for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation to learn more about conflict resolution programs and how they are used to bring peace and reconciliation to youth since the dismantling of apartheid. President Miller remarked that Dr. Casella is an excellent scholar and, according to his students, a generous teacher whose love of teaching is inspiring.

President Pernal introduced Michele Boskovic, Associate Professor of French in the Department of Modern and Classical Languages at Eastern Connecticut State University, who has been recognized for her work in the field of French literature and criticism, including two books, four original works, numerous peer-reviewed and commissioned journal articles, book reviews, and presentations and colloquia at professional association meetings. President Pernal remarked that the 2006 Trustees Research Award is bestowed upon Dr. Boskovic for outstanding research on the process of self-discovery and definition of bicultural identity with a focus on the need to find the place in society where persons can fully belong. The diverse topics of Dr. Boskovic's research, ranging from 20th Century France's children of immigrants, to the Algerian War's depiction in France's youth literature, to Vietnamese cinema and Francophone women writers, exemplifies her passion for exploration and communication. President Pernal noted that Dr. Boskovic's books and publications in international journals explore themes that are central to the lives of many of Eastern's students and their families, especially women, working class people and those who are immigrants or children of immigrants.

President Norton introduced Dr. Thomas Fleming, of Southern Connecticut State University, whose research career has focused on a broad spectrum of scientific questions that center on Jurassic volcanism and magmatism in Antarctica. During his career, Dr. Fleming has

participated in six Antarctic research expeditions funded by the National Science Foundation, two of those since arriving at SCSU in 2000. Dr. Fleming is highly regarded as a scientist of international stature. President Norton also advised that an independent evaluation for Dr. Fleming's tenure and promotion review in 2004, solicited from Dr. Jonathan Berg, Distinguished Research Professor and Chair of the Department of Geology and Environmental Geosciences at Northern Illinois University, characterizes Dr. Fleming as a "highly regarded scientist of international stature". Dr. Fleming is conducting Tier 1 research and, President Norton noted, he serves as an exemplar for faculty and students.

President Schmotter introduced Dr. Christine Unson, Assistant Professor in the Communication Department at Western Connecticut State University. Dr. Unson has worked as a rural sociologist-economist in 12 countries outside the United States. President Schmotter identified Dr. Unson's areas of research as health communication as it pertains to older minority women and the study of attitudes, beliefs and self-concepts associated with four health issues: 1) adoption and maintenance of successful aging behaviors; 2) medication adherence; 3) recruitment and retention of research volunteers in clinical trials; and 4) self-identity of the older person. Since 1001, Dr. Unson has co-authored 11 peer-reviewed original publications, has 8 co-authored papers under review or in progress, has presented at 26 conferences, and has been the recipient of 11 research awards and grants and 3 fellowships.

On a motion by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Panciera, the following four resolutions were unanimously approved.

Resolution Honoring Dr. Ronald Casella

- WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University system is committed to promoting an environment that supports and recognizes faculty scholarly activities in their academic fields, and
- WHEREAS, The Trustees of the Connecticut State University System have voted to grant five awards annually: one award to a faculty member from each of the CSU universities and a single award to the individual who best exemplifies high quality research/creative achievement in the CSU system, and
- WHEREAS, This award is designated for assistant or associate professors in tenure-track or tenure positions upon nomination by colleagues and/or departments for demonstration of substantive contributions/ achievements and scholarly activities in their academic field of study during the last five years, and
- WHEREAS, Ronald Casella, Associate Professor of Teacher Education at Central Connecticut State University, has been recognized for his work in the field of societal effects on school systems with particular emphasis on violence and conflict resolution, including four

books, five book chapters and more than 12 research articles in peer-reviewed publications and presentations at professional association meetings, and

WHEREAS, Professor Casella has been selected by an appropriate peer-review process at CCSU and recommended to the System Review Committee therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System commends Dr. Casella for his academic and research achievements, congratulates him on receiving his university's recommendation for the Trustees Research Award, and extends its best wishes for continued success in his academic endeavors.

Resolution Honoring Dr. Michele Boskovic

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University system is committed to promoting an environment that supports and recognizes faculty scholarly activities in their academic fields, and

WHEREAS, The Trustees of the Connecticut State University System have voted to grant five awards annually: one award to a faculty member from each of the CSU universities and a single award to the individual who best exemplifies high quality research/creative achievement in the CSU system, and

WHEREAS, This award is designated for assistant or associate professors in tenure-track or tenure positions upon nomination by colleagues and/or departments for demonstration of substantive contributions/ achievements and scholarly activities in their academic field of study during the last five years, and

WHEREAS, Michele Boskovic, Associate Professor of French in the Department of Modern and Classical Languages at Eastern Connecticut State University, has been recognized for her work in the field of French literature and criticism, including two books, four original works, numerous peer-reviewed and commissioned journal articles, book reviews, and presentations and colloquia at professional association meetings, and

WHEREAS, Professor Boskovic has been selected by an appropriate peer-review process at ECSU and recommended to the System Review Committee therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System commends Dr. Boskovic for her academic and research achievements, congratulates her on receiving her university's recommendation for the Trustees Research Award, and extends its best wishes for continued success in her academic endeavors.

Resolution Honoring Dr. Thomas Fleming

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University system is committed to promoting an environment that supports and recognizes faculty scholarly activities in their academic fields, and

WHEREAS, The Trustees of the Connecticut State University System have voted to grant five awards annually: one award to a faculty member from each of the CSU universities and a single award to the individual who best exemplifies high quality research/creative achievement in the CSU system, and

WHEREAS, This award is designated for assistant or associate professors in tenure-track or tenure positions upon nomination by colleagues and/or departments for demonstration of

substantive contributions/ achievements and scholarly activities in their academic field of study during the last five years, and

WHEREAS, Thomas Fleming, Associate Professor of Earth Science at Southern Connecticut State University, has been recognized for his work in the field of volcanism and magnetism in Antarctica, including 14 research articles in peer-reviewed publications, 10 technical reports, 58 peer-reviewed abstracts, and presentations at professional association meetings, and

WHEREAS, Professor Fleming has been selected by an appropriate peer-review process at SCSU and recommended to the System Review Committee therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System commends Dr. Fleming for his academic and research achievements, congratulates him on receiving his university's recommendation for the Trustees Research Award, and extends its best wishes for continued success in his academic endeavors.

Resolution Honoring Dr. Christine Unson

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University system is committed to promoting an environment that supports and recognizes faculty scholarly activities in their academic fields, and

WHEREAS, The Trustees of the Connecticut State University System have voted to grant five awards annually: one award to a faculty member from each of the CSU universities and a single award to the individual who best exemplifies high quality research/creative achievement in the CSU system, and

WHEREAS, This award is designated for assistant or associate professors in tenure-track or tenure positions upon nomination by colleagues and/or departments for demonstration of substantive contributions/ achievements and scholarly activities in their academic field of study during the last five years, and

WHEREAS, Christine Unson, Assistant Professor of Communication at Western Connecticut State University, has been recognized for her work in the field of health communication as it pertains to older minority women with particular emphasis on successful aging behaviors, medication adherence, recruitment and retention of research volunteers in clinical trials, and self-identity of the older person, including 11 original peer-reviewed publications, 11 research awards, three fellowships and numerous presentations at professional association meetings, and

WHEREAS, Professor Unson has been selected by an appropriate peer-review process at WCSU and recommended to the System Review Committee therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System commends Dr. Unson for her academic and research achievements, congratulates her on receiving her university's recommendation for the Trustees Research Award, and extends its best wishes for continued success in her academic endeavors.

Mr. Doyle asked Chairman McHugh to announce the winner of the CSU System Research Award as selected from among the four university award recipients.

Prior to announcing the winner of the CSU System Research Award recipient, Chairman McHugh thanked the CSU System professors, the members of the Academic Affairs Committee and Dr. Norton Mezvinsky for celebrating excellence within the system.

Chairman McHugh reported that a committee comprised of the current Connecticut State University System professors reviewed and discussed the recommendations and credentials of the four candidates from the universities and unanimously selected Professor Thomas Fleming from Southern Connecticut State University as the recipient of the first Trustees' Research Award.

Chairman McHugh advised that Dr. Fleming is highly regarded internationally in the field of Earth Science. He has received significant outside funding for his projects and has collaborated with prominent colleagues. In the Committee's view, "his distinguished record of work displays the clear promise of continued and future high-level research. Moreover, he has been able to bridge a sometimes-perceived gap between research and teaching by significantly involving students in his research project."

Chairman McHugh requested a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Pugliese so moved; Mr. Balducci seconded the motion and the following resolution was approved unanimously.

- WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University System is committed to promoting an environment that supports and recognizes faculty scholarly activities in their academic fields and has voted to grant an award to the individual who best exemplifies high quality research/creative achievement in the CSU System, and
- WHEREAS, Each university in the CSU System has recommended a faculty member, selected by an appropriate peer-review process, to the System Review Committee, and
- WHEREAS, The System Review Committee, comprising the current CSU Professors, reviewed the nominations, recommendations and credentials of the faculty recommended by each of the universities, and
- WHEREAS, In the Committee's deliberation this faculty member is recognized for a distinguished record of work that displays the clear promise of continued and future high-level research and the ability to bridge a sometimes perceived gap between research and teaching by involving students in these research projects; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That Thomas H. Fleming, Associate Professor of Earth Science at Southern Connecticut State University has been unanimously selected to receive the 2006 Connecticut State University System Trustees Research Award for his work in the field of volcanism and magnetism in Antarctica, relating to one of the fundamental issues regarding the breakup of the supercontinent of Gondwanaland during the Jurassic era, and be it further
- RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System congratulates Dr. Fleming as the first recipient of the Trustees Research Award and extends its best wishes for continued success in his academic endeavors.

Dr. Fleming, in accepting the award, thanked the Board of Trustees, noting that it is a real honor and that he particularly appreciated the thought that went into establishing the trustees research award and the spirit in which it was awarded. Dr. Fleming added that scholarship and teaching go hand in hand and remarked that he is just one person out of a tremendous number of people in the system who conduct quality research.

ANNUAL REPORT – EASTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

President Pernal distributed a copy of Eastern Connecticut State University's Annual report noting the many accomplishments of the university and aired the annual report video which highlighted numerous remarkable students and faculty members of ECSU.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairman McHugh reported that the Executive Committee met on April 28, 2006 and approved a revised policy for the use and depositing of vending machine income, which will provide greater clarity to a board policy originally set in 1991.

Chairman McHugh requested a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Balducci so moved; Mr. Pugliese seconded the motion and the following resolution was approved unanimously.

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System adopted by Board Resolution 84-208 and its addendum, Policies and Procedures for Use of Vending Machine Income ; and

WHEREAS, The policy was rescinded by Board Resolution 91-120 on September 6, 1991, and

WHEREAS, After careful review and consideration of this policy, it is appropriate to make certain revisions to the wording of this policy, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That Board Resolution 91-120 be rescinded, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System hereby adopts this resolution and the attached addendum, Policy Concerning Use and Depositing of Vending Machine Income as Board Policy, effective upon approval.

Policy Concerning Use And Depositing Of Vending Machine Income

1. For the purposes of this policy, vending machines are defined as, but not necessarily limited to, laundry washing machines, clothes dryers, candy and gum machines, cigarette machines, soft drink machines, skill game machines, food dispensing machines, pay telephones and photocopying machines.
2. All vending machine income received by each University will be deposited and used as follows:
 - 2.1 Profit from vending machines located in student residence halls and apartments, except that from pay telephones which will be deposited in the General Fund, will be deposited in the Student Activity Fund and used for purposes as recommended by a committee representing students and approved by the University President (or his/her designee). In cases where food vending machines by contractual arrangement are under the control of the food services vendor, income which accrues to the University from such food vending machines shall be treated in the same manner as income from other types of vending machines.
 - 2.2 Profit from vending machines located in student centers, except that from pay telephones which will be deposited in the General Fund, will be deposited in the Student Activity Fund and will be used for student center purposes as recommended by a student center governing organization and approved by the University President (or his/her designee). In cases where food vending machines by contractual arrangement are under the control of the food services vendor, income which accrues to the University from such food vending machines shall be treated in the same manner as income from other types of vending machines.
 - 2.3 Profit from vending machines located in all other campus buildings, except that from pay telephones which will be deposited in the General Fund, will be used for student activities as recommended to the University President by the Vice President of Student Affairs.

Chairman McHugh reported that the Executive Committee reviewed and approved recommendations for faculty promotion and tenure from each of the university presidents for 2006.

Chairman McHugh requested a motion to approve the faculty promotion and tenure recommendations for 2006. Mr. Balducci so moved; Mr. Pugliese seconded the motion and the 2006 promotion and tenure recommendations were approved unanimously.

Chairman McHugh stated it is anticipated that the Committee will be reviewing in June several policy updates Chancellor Carter is preparing, referencing an ethics statement and a policy for university housing by non-students. It is the intent of the Executive Committee to have those policies brought to the Board at the June 9 meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman offered his personal thanks and appreciation to ECSU President Michael Pernal and his staff for hosting the meeting, recognizing that this is an extremely busy time of year at all the universities.

Chairman McHugh offered his congratulations to Trustees Angelo Messina and David Panciera upon their receipt of a distinguished award from Central Connecticut State University. He also recognized Brian Sullivan, student trustee-elect from Eastern who will succeed Carl Segura, noting that the Board is looking forward to working with him when he takes office in the fall.

Chairman McHugh expressed his personal appreciation to the members of both AAUP and SUOAF for the spirit of cooperation that has been displayed; referencing a BOT/SUOAF dinner meeting that took place on May 17 and noting that a meeting will be scheduled with AAUP in early June. Chairman McHugh stressed the importance of continuing to work together to move forward with the mission of the Connecticut State University System.

Chairman McHugh reminded the trustees about the inauguration for Chancellor Carter, which will take place on October 20, 2006 and the dedication of the Michael J. Adanti Center at SCSU that will take place on September 13, 2006. He added that trustees would receive more details on both events as they become available.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman McHugh requested a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. He directed Chancellor Carter, Yvette Melendez Thiesfield and Erin Fitzgerald to remain in attendance during the executive session.

Mr. Balducci moved to go into Executive Session; Mr. Pugliese seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Chairman McHugh declared the Board meeting to be in Open Session and indicated that no votes were taken in Executive Session.

(Dr. Elsa Nuñez joined the meeting)

TRUSTEES PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman McHugh thanked the members of the University Advisory Committee and the Trustees Search Committee for the tremendous amount of time and effort put into the search for a president of Eastern Connecticut State University. The Chairman noted the importance of the partnership between the two committees as being critical to the success of the process.

Chairman McHugh provided a brief summary of the search process. Utilizing the services of a search firm, Academic Search Consultants, a national search was conducted resulting in 83 applications received. Eight individuals were brought in for airport interviews.

The three finalist candidates were invited back for meetings and interviews with the Trustees' Search Committee, the University Advisory Committee, and a full day on campus at ECSU to meet with the various university constituencies.

The Chairman stated that the superior quality of the candidates and the interest and enthusiasm for the Connecticut State University System and Eastern Connecticut State University shown by those who were interviewed was remarkable. Chairman McHugh said that the individual who is the Trustees' choice for the next president is extraordinarily qualified to continue to lead Eastern forward on the path of excellence that David Carter forged during his distinguished tenure at the university.

Chairman McHugh presented the unanimous recommendation of the Trustees' Search Committee that Dr. Elsa Nuñez be appointed the next president of Eastern Connecticut State University.

Chairman McHugh requested a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Balducci so moved; Mr. Pugliese seconded the motion and the following resolution was approved unanimously.

WHEREAS, The members of the Connecticut State University System Board of Trustees Search Committee with the assistance of members of the Eastern Connecticut State University Advisory Committee conducted a national search for a president for the university resulting in applications from 80 individuals, and

WHEREAS, Having completed this search through the careful evaluation of credentials and interviews with three outstanding finalist candidates, the Trustees' Search Committee recommends that Dr. Elsa Nuñez be appointed as President of Eastern Connecticut State University, and

WHEREAS, The Chairman of the Board of Trustees and the Chancellor of the Connecticut State University System concur in this recommendation, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That effective August 4, 2006, under the terms and conditions of the Trustees' Policies and Procedures for Presidential Compensation, Dr. Elsa Nuñez is hereby appointed as President of Eastern Connecticut State University at a biweekly salary of \$8,629.81 (\$225,238 annualized), and be it further

RESOLVED, That effective July 1, 2007, or sooner if recommended by the Executive Committee of the Board, the annual salary rate will increase to the full level in effect for Connecticut State University System presidents at that time, in accordance with Board policy.

Chairman McHugh and Chancellor Carter introduced Dr. Elsa Nuñez and congratulated her upon her appointment as the next president of Eastern Connecticut State University.

Dr. Nuñez offered brief remarks. She noted that she was moved and touched as she listened to the remarks offered by the trustees and thought of her mother and father in Puerto Rico who are people of a modest background who sacrificed a great deal to ensure she had access to education. Dr. Nuñez stated that there is nothing more important than access to excellent public higher education and that a great democracy cannot exist without ensuring that access to people from all classes and socio-economic backgrounds. Dr. Nuñez thanked Chairman McHugh, members of the Board of Trustees, Chancellor Carter, the University Advisory Committee and the ECSU community for the outpouring of support received throughout the search process and for the honor bestowed upon her in being appointed the next president of Eastern Connecticut State University.

Chairman McHugh stated that he looked forward to working with Dr. Nuñez in moving Eastern Connecticut State University and the Connecticut State University System forward.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Pugliese moved to adjourn; Mr. Rosa seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Eberhard-Asch, Secretary

EXECUTIVE SESSION
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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EASTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

May 18, 2006

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

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Mr. John A. Doyle	Mr. John R. Sholtis, Jr.
Mr. M. Fernando Franco	Fr. John P. Sullivan
Mr. Angelo J. Messina	Ms. Gail H. Williams

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

Ms. Cerissa Arpaio
Ms. Elizabeth Gagne

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:

David G. Carter, Chancellor, Connecticut State University System (CSU)

SYSTEM OFFICE BOARD STAFF:

Yvette Melendez Thiesfield, Chief Administrative Officer;
Erin Fitzgerald, Associate for Board Affairs

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman McHugh called Executive Session to order and shared with the trustees an overview of the search process and the recommendation from the Trustees Search Committee for the new president of Eastern Connecticut State University. Each Trustee was afforded an opportunity to pose questions regarding the search process and the final recommendation. Chairman McHugh commended the members of the Search Committee and the Systemwide Advisory Committee for the time devoted to the process.

Chairman McHugh then adjourned the executive session and declared the meeting to be in open session.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Eberhard-Asch, Secretary