

SPECIAL SESSION
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FOR THE
CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM
at
SYSTEM OFFICE, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT
MINUTES
December 6, 2007
10:30 a.m.

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Lawrence D. McHugh, Chairman	L. David Panciera
Karl J. Krapek, Vice Chairman	Mark Parrott
Theresa J. Eberhard-Asch, Secretary	Ronald J. Pugliese
Mr. Richard J. Balducci	Peter M. Rosa
John A. Doyle	Andrew Russo
Elizabeth Gagne	John P. Sullivan
Angelo J. Messina	Andrew R. Wetmore
John H. Motley	

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

Brian P. Sullivan	Gail H. Williams
John R. Sholtis, Jr.	

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:

David G. Carter, Chancellor, Connecticut State University System (CSU)
Jack W. Miller, President, Central Connecticut State University (CCSU)
Elsa Nuñez, President, Eastern Connecticut State University (ECSU)
Cheryl J. Norton, President, Southern Connecticut State University (SCSU)
James W. Schmotter, President, Western Connecticut State University (WCSU)
Chief Jason Powell, Central Connecticut State University
Chief Jeffrey Garewski, Eastern Connecticut State University
Chief Joseph Dooley, Southern Connecticut State University
Chief Neal McLaughlin, Western Connecticut State University

STAFF TO THE BOARD:

Erin Fitzgerald, Associate for Board Affairs

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman McHugh called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m., declaring a quorum present. The Chairman noted that the Board was in Special Session, therefore, only items listed on the posted agenda could be discussed during the course of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman McHugh requested a motion to accept the Regular Session Minutes of November 1, 2007. Trustee Panciera so moved; Trustee Pugliese seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

CHANCELLOR AND PRESIDENTS REPORTS

Chancellor Carter noted that his remarks would be limited, keeping in mind the Chairman's remarks concerning the FOI requirements regarding Special Meetings and the need to limit any discussion solely to that which listed on the agenda. The Chancellor pointed out the following items in the trustees' Board folders:

- 2008 Calendar for Board and Committee meetings (no change from that which the Board approved; information only)
- CSUS Booklet, *Key to Enhancing Teacher Workforce Recruitment, Retention & Collaboration*--overview of our initiatives in addressing the state's teacher shortage
- Maps detailing, by town, CSUS Enrollment and Alumni figures, for each university and for the System as a whole.

Chancellor Carter asked the Presidents to introduce their police chiefs for an update on campus emergency response and notification and noted that this initiative was prompted by Chairman McHugh's communication to Governor Rell following the Governor's "Campus Crisis Response Summit" held last May.

Chief Neal McLaughlin, Western Connecticut State University, provided a report to the Board focusing on existing collaboration, increased collaboration and local initiatives. Chief McLaughlin noted that in 2003, WestConn introduced the concept of Quick Action Deployment training to the State of Connecticut and was supported by CCSU in providing two training opportunities to the four CSUS Police Departments and local municipal police agencies in the Danbury (Fairfield County) and New Britain (Hartford County) regions. Each campus hosted a day long training workshop. The program teaches the philosophy of a dynamic entry with the first four armed officers arriving on scene. The Chief reported that both programs were well attended and trained a number of CSUS officers. In 2007, all four campuses collaborated to bring in the North American SWAT Training Association from Columbus, OH, who trained and re-trained our police officers in this tactical response. The lessons from VA Tech and other school shootings were addressed in this training process.

Additionally, a new program, Secure Avenues for Escape (SAFE), was added to the training for a second full day of training. The SAFE training oriented both our police officers and non-sworn personnel in the tactical response recommended to safely remove victims, the wounded and injured persons, and persons trapped by the active shooter from the effected area to either a triage area or safe haven (evacuation) areas away from danger.

Other areas of collaboration included:

The formation of the Connecticut Chapter of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators as an affiliate of the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators in 2006; Chiefs Powell and McLaughlin played major roles in the development and organization of this group. This is a Best Practice in Campus Safety as recognized in the system wide Morgan Study.

The planning and presentation of a two-day Critical Incident Conference in 2007 co-sponsored by the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association and the Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS) and hosted by SCSU. Chief McLaughlin worked on the program development as a member of the Private Security Task Force of the CPCA and served as a facilitator in the training. Chief Dooley hosted the conference. The 2008 Conference is currently being planned by the Chief's Task Force. This is a Best Practice in Campus Safety as recognized in the system wide Morgan Study. (This is an Emergency Preparedness effort).

WCSU hosted a Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) Instructor's Certification program on campus in 2006 training both campus and municipal police officers to offer RAD training (basic self defense) to women in their communities. This was the first time the program was offered in the State of CT. RAD Instructors from CCSU and SCSU assisted in the training. SCSU is sponsoring the certification program in 2008 and will be assisted by other CSU instructors. This is a Best Practice in Campus Safety as recognized in the system wide Morgan Study.

Chief McLaughlin also identified the following local initiatives:

Emergency Management Plan evaluated to identify future implementation for emergency incident prevention, response and recovery. The campus is in the process of prioritizing an implementation plan to further develop our emergency response actions.

On-going training in the WCSU Emergency Management Plan, "Containing Crisis" is being provided to faculty and staff members on campus. The purpose of the training is to introduce employees to the Plan, share its contents and highlight specific procedures to follow during times of crises.

The campus has implemented a Threat Assessment Team that has met regularly over the past few months to review individual behavioral issues and to assess the threat and develop an implementation plan for each situation.

Chief Joseph Dooley, Southern Connecticut State University, provided an overview to the Board focusing on risk assessment/crisis management; communications; training; and strategic initiatives.

Risk Assessment/Crisis Management

1. Emergency Management Plan – revised plan is in compliance with National Incident Management System (NIMS) and Incident Command System (ICS).
2. Team Meeting/Intervention Team – Formalized Campus Intervention Team meets twice monthly or as needed to discuss actual or potential intervention issues with students.
3. Security Surveys – Conducting security surveys throughout campus buildings to identify vulnerabilities and increase security. Crime prevention through environmental design.
4. Development of comprehensive security camera system, visitor management system and automated locking system for access control.

Communications

1. Preparing for Police Communications Center upgrade to provide radio interoperability and redundancy to Police Communications Center. Upgrade of the Computer Aided Dispatch System (CAD) to add a Records Management System (RMS).

2. Text Messaging System – preparing for the implementation of the CSUS text messaging project.
3. Siren/Public Address System – Received Homeland Security Grant to off-set cost of a siren/public address system.
4. Established Police Sub-station in the Adanti Student Center.
5. Community policing and Crime Prevention initiatives to increase visibility and deter crime on campus.
6. Law Enforcement and Resident Network (LEARN) – Initiated LEARN program to better communicate and interact with resident students and housing staff.
7. Meetings with faculty, staff and student government to increase visibility and review Emergency Management Plan.

Training

1. Active Shooter and Safe Program – Trained with CSUS Police Departments last summer to practice active shooter and evacuation drill training.
2. Rape Aggression Defense Training (RAD) – Provided several classes over the past year to campus community. In January will host a RAD Train the Trainer program in conjunction with CSUS Police Departments and other local & state law enforcement.
3. Planned Emergency Management drills and exercises in conjunction with local police, fire and health departments.
4. Campus Community Emergency Response Team (C-CERT) – Two SCSU Officers are trained to provide training to members of campus community to assist with Emergency management drills and exercises as well as actual incident management issues.

Strategic Initiatives

1. Replace in-car video systems.

Chief Jeffrey Garewski, Eastern Connecticut State University provided an update to the Board on the following steps taken since the Virginia Tech tragedy to enhance Eastern's pro-active threat assessment initiatives and response capabilities.

Crisis Intervention Team – in existence for several years, Chief Garewski identified membership on the team, the regularly scheduled activity of the team and ongoing recordkeeping and monitoring by the Crisis Intervention Team in concert with the Dean of Students.

Critical Incident Emergency Procedure Guide – Chief Garewski noted the Emergency Procedure Guide was updated in compliance with Public Act 07-208 (AAC Security Assessments and Assistance for Schools and Emergency Response Plans for Institutions of Higher Education). Eastern's plan now includes

1. Identification of the Incident Management Team as outlined in the Continuation of Operations Plan
2. Campus-wide Emergency Notification System

3. Notification of Campus Visitors in the Event of an Emergency
4. Emergency Campus Lockdown
5. Active Shooter Emergency

Chief Garewski noted that it was understood, both by Eastern and the other CSUS universities, that once the CSUS identifies and selects a vendor for the mass notification initiative, the plan will be modified again to address the protocol and procedures necessary to put that system into operation.

Training Initiatives- Chief Garewski stated a series of training initiatives were undertaken, including the following: training of housing staff, hall directors and residential assistants to recognize and understand the immediacy of reacting in the event of an active shooter; meeting with Deans and Department Chairs of School of Arts & Sciences, Professional Studies and Continuing Education to discuss active shooter issues and the guidelines for response; and providing all faculty, staff and students with a Campus Response checklist to address active shooter emergencies.

Chief Garewski also provided information relating to the following items/areas:

1. Electronic Access and Camera Surveillance
2. Response Specific Strategies
3. Blue Emergency Phones
4. Incident Management Team
5. Police building
6. Collaboration is Key

Chief Jason Powell, Central Connecticut State University provided an update highlighting Central's ongoing and increased cooperation among the chiefs at the CSUS universities and identifying progress made to implement programs that were currently in various stages of implementation following the Virginia Tech tragedy and the Governor's Summit.

Chief Powell noted that monthly meetings are now taking place between the chiefs on a wide range of topics, whereas meetings previously were scheduled primarily on an issue by issue basis. He added that the Chancellor's direction to meet with the consultant to the chiefs provided an additional opportunity to focus on issues of mutual concern.

Chief Powell stated that it was agreed that the incidents at Columbine and Virginia Tech pointed out the need to reduce the potential for targeted violence in schools and to prepare for a response.

Central's initiatives focused on the areas of threat assessment; improving police response capability; and safe campus planning.

Chief Powell echoed the comments made by the police chiefs that continued cooperation, collaboration and training were essential.

Chairman McHugh expressed his appreciation on behalf of the members of the Board of Trustees, to the police chiefs for their outstanding work and efforts in ensuring students and faculty have a safe place to attend school and to work.

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Trustee Pugliese reported that the Development Committee held its regular meeting on November 8, 2007, and approved the gift of a "Mass Notification Voice Warning System", valued at approximately \$60,000, from Whelen Engineering to Central Connecticut State University. This gift was made possible by Philip W. Kurze, a 1972 graduate of CCSU and Vice President for Mass Notification Products at Whelen Engineering Company, Inc. located in Chester, Connecticut. The system will be used to compliment efforts currently underway to implement a systemwide mass communication system. The gift is not contingent upon any other verbal or written contract between Whelen Engineering and Central Connecticut State University.

Trustee Pugliese moved the nomination; Trustee Motley seconded the nomination and the following resolution was approved unanimously.

- WHEREAS, Colleges and universities across the country have been engaged in updating and revising their emergency preparedness plans, and
- WHEREAS, The Connecticut State University System is currently implementing a systemwide mass communication system, and
- WHEREAS, The ability to carry out mass notification to the campus constituency during times of crisis is essential, and
- WHEREAS, One aspect of mass notification is a campus-based system that is capable of providing warning tones and voice communications that reaches people on campus without the need for any other devices such as cell phones or computers, and
- WHEREAS, Philip W. Kurze, a 1972 graduate of CCSU and Vice President for Mass Notification Products at Whelen Engineering Company, Inc. in Chester, CT has generously donated a mass notification warning system valued at approximately \$60,000 to the CCSU Foundation, Inc. which in turn, is donating it to Central Connecticut State University, and
- WHEREAS, The gift is not contingent upon any other verbal or written contract or agreement between Mr. Kurze, Whelen Engineering, Inc., the CCSU Foundation, Inc. and Central Connecticut State University, therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System accepts the above gift from Philip W. Kurze and the CCSU Foundation, Inc. to Central Connecticut State University.

Trustee Pugliese also noted that the Committee was pleased to hear from Mr. Chris Galligan, Vice President for Institutional Advancement at CCSU, that five new development officers have been hired as part of a new initiative at the university.

As part of its regular agenda, the quarterly gift income reports from the universities were reviewed. All four universities continue to realize success with the various fundraising events and annual campaigns.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Trustee Doyle reported that the Academic Affairs Committee met on Thursday, November 29, 2007 at the System Office and recommends the following:

A resolution to authorize Central Connecticut State University to offer a Bachelor of Science degree program in Nursing. The proposed program builds on the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program for Registered Nurses in existence since 1981. This RN to BSN program has been accredited by the National League for Nursing in 1986 and 1994 and by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education in 2006.

The proposed new four-year BSN program will directly contribute to alleviate the shortage of registered nurses in Connecticut, which is predicted to worsen due to demographic changes in Connecticut's population. Current production of nurses in the state is 19 for every 100,000 residents, far below the national average of 31 per every 100,000 residents. The program requires completion of 130 credits including 61 credits in the Nursing Major and 25 credits in Related Requirements. All nursing courses are structured using national nursing education standards. The majority of the students in this new BSN program are expected to enroll on a full-time basis, at a rate of fifty students per year during the first three years of the program. The program will be staffed by six full-time faculty, three of whom are currently employed at the Department. Required clinical work experience embedded in several nursing courses has been arranged with area hospitals, local health departments and school districts. Resources necessary for the program have been allocated. The university will seek national accreditation for this program upon graduation of the first class.

Trustee Doyle moved the nomination; Trustee Motley seconded the nomination 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 Science in Nursing degree 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.

A resolution to continue the Henry C. Lee Institute for the Study of Crime and Justice at Central Connecticut State University until December 31, 2012. The institute continues to play a key role in informing the criminal justice community in the area of evidence based practices through numerous grant and contract funded research activities. The Institute has also been successful in helping to inform and develop legislation and overall criminal justice policy through research and advocacy.

Trustee Doyle moved the nomination; Trustee Motley seconded the nomination and the following resolution was approved unanimously.

- WHEREAS, The Henry C. Lee Institute for the Study of Crime and Justice was established at Central Connecticut State University by Board Resolution 02-04, and
- WHEREAS, The President of Central Connecticut State University has evaluated the work of the Henry C. Lee Institute for the Study of Crime and Justice and has recommended its continuation, therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System authorizes the continuation of the Henry C. Lee Institute for the Study of Crime and Justice for the State of Connecticut at Central Connecticut State University and requires that the President of Central submit a report to the Chancellor of the CSU System evaluating the performance of the Institute and recommending continuance or discontinuance by September 1, 2012, and be it further
- RESOLVED, That the Henry C. Lee Institute for the Study of Crime and Justice at Central Connecticut State University shall go out of existence on December 31, 2012, unless the Board of Trustees acts to the contrary.

A resolution to continue the Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy at Central Connecticut State University until December 31, 2012. The Institute facilitates collaborations among CCSU, government agencies and private organizations to direct further policy development and implementation. The institute will continue to focus on critical policy in areas such as transportation, public education funding and the Connecticut knowledge economy.

Trustee Doyle moved the nomination; Trustee Pugliese seconded the nomination and the following resolution was approved unanimously.

- WHEREAS, The Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy was established at Central Connecticut State University by Board Resolution 02-25, and
- WHEREAS, The President of Central Connecticut State University has evaluated the work of the Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy and has recommended its continuation, therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System authorizes the continuation of the Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy for the State of Connecticut at Central Connecticut State University and requires that the President of Central submit a report to the Chancellor of the CSU System evaluating the performance of the Institute and recommending continuance or discontinuance by September 1, 2012, and be it further
- RESOLVED, That the Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy at Central Connecticut State University shall go out of existence on December 31, 2012, unless the Board of Trustees acts to the contrary.

A resolution to continue the Center for Multicultural Research and Education at Central Connecticut State University until December 31, 2012. The Center continues to support faculty in both the university and the education community in enhancing their knowledge and skills in diversity, equity, working

with diverse student populations, and multicultural education. The Center also will continue its work t increasing the minority candidate participation in teacher education programs, and expanding the multicultural education skills of K-12 professionals.

Trustee Doyle moved the nomination; Trustee Rosa seconded the nomination and the following resolution was approved unanimously.

WHEREAS, The Center for Multicultural Research and Education was established at Central Connecticut State University by Board Resolution 02-56 and

WHEREAS, The President of Central Connecticut State University has evaluated the work of the Center and has recommended its continuation, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System authorizes the continuation of the Center for Multicultural Research and Education at Central Connecticut State University and requires that the President of Central submit a report to the Chancellor of the Connecticut State University System evaluating the performance of the Center and recommending continuance or discontinuance by September 1, 2012, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Center for Multicultural Research and Education at Central Connecticut State University has a sunset date of December 31, 2012, unless the Board of Trustees acts to the contrary.

A resolution to continue the Center for Educational Excellence at Eastern Connecticut State University until December 31, 2012. The Center continues its focus on innovation and use of technologies in learning. In addition, the Center continues to serve as an incubator site for high impact initiatives at the university that incorporate a strong learning component, such as the first year experience and the newly created service learning programs.

WHEREAS, The Center for Educational Excellence was established at Eastern Connecticut State University by Board Resolution 02-57 and

WHEREAS, The President of Eastern Connecticut State University has evaluated the work of the Center and has recommended its continuation, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System authorizes the continuation of the Center for Educational Excellence Center at Eastern Connecticut State University and requires that the President of Eastern submit a report to the Chancellor of the Connecticut State University System evaluating the performance of the Center and recommending continuance or discontinuance by September 1, 2012, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Center for Educational Excellence at Eastern Connecticut State University has a sunset date of December 31, 2012, unless the Board of Trustees acts to the contrary.

A resolution to continue the Center for Business Research at Western Connecticut State University until December 31, 2012. The Center continues its focus on creating opportunities for students and business by establishing collaborative activities applying college level education and knowledge to actual business

situations. The growth of the Center parallels growth in graduate enrollment and it will be a visible component of the upcoming professional accreditation process for the School of Business.

Trustee Doyle moved the nomination; Trustee Motley seconded the nomination and the following resolution was approved unanimously.

WHEREAS, The Center for Business Research was established at Western Connecticut State University by Board Resolution 02-65 and

WHEREAS, The President of Western Connecticut State University has evaluated the work of the Center and has recommended its continuation, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System authorizes the continuation of the Center for Business Research at Western Connecticut State University and requires that the President of Western submit a report to the Chancellor of the Connecticut State University System evaluating the performance of the Center and recommending continuance or discontinuance by September 1, 2012, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Center for Business Research at Western Connecticut State University has a sunset date of December 31, 2012, unless the Board of Trustees acts to the contrary.

The Committee approved a request by the Chair that Academic Vice Presidents and System Office staff prepare a feasibility study, including a potential timeframe, for the establishment of a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering degree program in the Connecticut State University System. A preliminary report was requested for the January 2008 meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee.

Chairman McHugh thanked Trustee Doyle and the members of the Academic Affairs Committee for moving forward on the civil engineering degree feasibility study, noting that he serves on the State Department of Transportation (DOT) committee; one of the issues that was raised was the lack of civil engineers in the State of Connecticut. The Chairman stated that this was a prime example of the Connecticut State University System hearing a need and proactively moving forward to address the matter. Trustee Doyle said he would be happy to volunteer for any hearing which may occur in the future.

Trustee Balducci concurred, remarking upon both the civil engineering issues and the proposed nursing program

Continuing with his report, Trustee Doyle noted that Interim Senior Vice Chancellor Roy Stewart gave an update on the progress towards meeting legislative mandates on the status of transferring and articulation agreements, a plan to establish common course numbering, a review of placement test scores, and a plan to increase six-year graduation rates at the CSUS universities to match national peer institutions. The Committee discussed the importance of preparing students starting as early on in their education as possible and of the need to pay increased attention to the educational gaps in the state.

Trustee Doyle added that the Committee reviewed and discussed an external evaluation report for a \$744,000 federal allocation grant to address the shortage of teachers in school districts in the state. The grant was awarded through the federal Fund for the Improvement of Higher Education in 2005 and completed its activities in 2007. The grant funded an array of university projects and approaches in partnership with urban

and priority school districts. The Chair underscored the importance of the findings in the evaluation and the need to continue to increase efforts to partner with K-12 education to resolve critical issues of education in the state.

The Committee also received as information and made comments on a revised mission statement for Southern Connecticut State University.

The Committee also recognized the many contributions of Dr. James Fullmer, Associate Professor of Earth Science at Southern Connecticut State University. Dr. Fullmer attended the committee meetings as a representative of the Faculty Senate and provided many valuable perspectives representing the faculty in the CSUS. The Committee made particular mention of his commitment and expressed their sincere appreciation for his service. Trustee Doyle asked that President Norton convey the appreciation of the Committee and the full Board to Dr. Fullmer.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairman McHugh reported that the Executive Committee met on Thursday, November 29 and had no action items and one information item: a proposed revision to existing Board Bylaws.

Revision of the Board Bylaws. Chairman McHugh reported that current Bylaws state that “General parliamentary rules as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order (latest revised edition) shall govern the conduct of the meetings of the Board.” A review of the bylaws by the Chancellor identified several areas within Article I through III that would benefit from clarification regarding parliamentary conduct. The Chairman noted that recommendations were submitted to the Executive Committee on November 29, 2007, and they were unanimously approved for submittal to the full Board of Trustees. Any amendments to CSUS bylaws must be introduced to the full Board for review at a regularly scheduled meeting and approved by the Board at the next regularly scheduled meeting. The Chairman asked Board members to review the revisions and if they had any questions or concerns, submit them to Erin Fitzgerald. He advised that in compliance with FOI regulations concerning open meetings, Ms. Fitzgerald could not engage in a two-way dialog to address those concerns, therefore, any questions or concerns received would be addressed by way of an updated staff report, which would be sent out with the Agenda Summary for the next meeting. Chairman McHugh stated that a motion was not required and directed that the meeting minutes reflect that the proposed revision was presented to the Board in accordance with Board bylaws and, pending no objections thereto, would be brought back to the Board for adoption at the January 17, 2008 meeting of the Board of Trustees.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman McHugh advised the members of a request he had received from Trustee Williams requesting that the Board explore establishing a diversity committee. He reported that in discussing the matter with the members of the Executive Committee and the Chancellor, it was agreed that the Board's commitment to diversity should infuse every decision. He shared with Trustee Williams that the Presidents' Letters of Priority would include strengthened language in this regard mandating that they provide “evidence of good faith effort to follow principles of affirmative action in personnel searches to ensure that diverse pools of qualified

candidates are available to maximize diversity in hiring.” He also noted that given recent instances involving college students, both at our universities and throughout the country, it is clear that increased educational emphasis and focus on this area would be of benefit not only to the students, but also to all members of our Connecticut State University System community. Accordingly, both the Chairman and Chancellor discussed this matter with Student Life Committee Chairman David Panciera, who has agreed to take the lead on this matter through the Student Life Committee. The Chairman expressed his appreciation to Student Life Committee Chairman David Panciera

Chairman McHugh also reported that he received correspondence from Dr. Timothy Craine of CCSU to serve on a panel at a campus wide meeting at Central and, following discussions with the Chancellor and the Executive Committee of the Board, it was determined that attendance or participation by a member of the Board at the town meeting would not best advance the healing and work ahead for the university community. Furthermore, as the trustees are charged by state statute with the hiring and supervision of university presidents, through the CSUS Chancellor, it would not be appropriate for a trustee to participate in related activities on any campus. The Chairman added that he communicated to Dr. Craine that he felt the forum would provide a wonderful opportunity for the various members of the university community, without representation from any oversight body, to engage with each other in a meaningful conversation so that any issues can be addressed and pave the way for a new beginning for all.

Chairman McHugh also noted that Student Trustee Andrew Russo from Central would be studying abroad in Italy and returning in April and that Student Trustee Andrew Wetmore from Western was recently elected to the Danbury Zoning Commission; members of the Board extended their best wishes and congratulations to Trustee Russo and Trustee Wetmore.

Prior to calling for adjournment, the Chairman advised the Board that the next meeting of the Board was scheduled for Thursday, January 17, 2008 at the System Office.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Motley moved to adjourn; Trustee Pugliese seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa J. Eberhard-Asch, Secretary