

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FOR THE
CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM
EMERGENCY SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES**

9:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 26, 2011

Via teleconference originating from the Boardroom, System Office
39 Woodland Street, Hartford, CT

TRUSTEES PARTICIPATING

Karl J. Krapek, Chairman
Richard J. Balducci, Vice Chairman
Theresa Eberhard Asch, Secretary
Michael A. Caron
Andrew Chu
Mercedes DeMasi
John A. Doyle
Elizabeth S. Gagne
Angelo J. Messina

John H. Motley
Scott A. Nolan
L. David Panciera
Ronald J. Pugliese
Peter M. Rosa
Ryan C. Sheehan
John R. Sholtis, Jr.
Gail Hill Williams

TRUSTEES ABSENT

John P. Sullivan

OTHER OFFICIALS

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

STAFF TO THE BOARD

Erin A. Fitzgerald, Associate for Board Affairs

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Krapek called the meeting to order at 9:28 a.m. and, following roll call and declared a quorum present.

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIRMAN KRAPEK

Chairman Krapek announced to the Board that he provided written notice to Governor Malloy of his resignation as chair and from the Board of Trustees (copy attached hereto as Attachment A). Discussion ensued.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Balducci moved to adjourn; Trustee Pugliese seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Eberhard Asch, Secretary



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Karl J. Krapek, Chairman
Board of Trustees

January 26, 2011

The Honorable Dannel P. Malloy
Governor, State of Connecticut
State Capitol
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

Dear Governor Malloy:

I am immensely proud to have served as a member, vice chairman and chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System (CSUS), and of my decision to devote a portion of my time over the past 16 years to advancing educational opportunities for Connecticut students. It has been an honor and privilege to do so, and I am grateful for having had the opportunity to serve our state, and its students, in this manner.

At this time, as you begin your administration leading our state, I hereby tender my resignation from the Board, effective at your pleasure, so as to provide you with an opportunity to move forward with appointments as is your prerogative as Governor.

From the outset, serving on the CSUS Board has been an opportunity to work with dedicated fellow volunteers and extraordinary professionals across the system to advance the mission of our state's largest university system – to provide affordable, accessible, education of the highest caliber.

The progress during this time has been truly remarkable, as reflected not only in the numbers but in the accomplishments of thousands of students who have benefitted from the education they received and pursued careers, raised families, and are contributing to our state's economy and quality of life in every corner of Connecticut. I am pleased to have participated in setting policies that have led to record full-time enrollment, increasing graduation and retention rates, increasing transfers from community colleges, increased levels of financial aid, narrowing achievement gaps and greater minority representation. These years have seen innovative academic programs initiated, including the System's first Ed.D.; greater coordination and collaboration with the business community, including the establishment of engineering programs at Central in direct response to expressed industry needs; and unprecedented outreach to local communities. I am especially thankful for the opportunity to have served alongside Larry McHugh for so many years on the Board, and will long cherish our partnership in this enterprise.

Most of all, through the years I have been deeply touched by the phenomenal accomplishment and perseverance of our students, and inspired by their determination and persistence. Each year, and each class of students, seems more remarkable than the one preceding it. These

students do us proud, and I salute each and every one. The caliber of our students is perhaps most strikingly evident at the annual Barnard Student Awards program, which recognizes and honors 12 students - selected by their university president - for their academic accomplishment and community involvement. These students stand up well to any student of any university in the country, and I would highly recommend attending this annual event. It is both moving and inspiring, and underscores that the best and brightest are often thriving right here close to home. I have also been incredibly impressed with the academic scholarship, tremendous dedication, and unparalleled commitment of faculty, staff and administrators who devote countless hours to our students and to their success. There is hardly an individual in our state who does not know someone who attended Central, Eastern, Southern or Western – such is the impact of this university system on our state. And I imagine there is not one community among our 169 towns and cities that has not benefitted from the leadership, expertise, and know-how of alumni of these universities.

CSUS is a catalyst for Connecticut, and is truly the workhorse of our higher education system, providing Connecticut students with opportunities that for many would otherwise have been beyond reach. I have said in the past that CSUS is the best bargain around, and I continue to believe that to be true. CSUS provides a great education and great value, and not only our students but our entire state benefits.

While I will miss contributing first-hand to the work of moving these universities forward, I trust that the fact that their best interest parallels Connecticut's best interest will ensure the state's continuing commitment to their well-being. I firmly believe that higher education is a critical component in reestablishing Connecticut's economic vibrancy, and I am convinced that CSUS is poised to play a pivotal role in that effort, if provided the tools to do so.

I take leave of my Board service proud of that which has been accomplished, and encouraged that the road ahead can lead to even greater achievement. To those who succeed me in volunteering to serve to advance higher education in Connecticut, I would say that there is much satisfaction to be gained in this endeavor, and encourage them to become actively engaged in the effort.

Best wishes for every success in your tenure as Governor.

Sincerely,



Karl J. Krapek
Chairman, Board of Trustees

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cc. Members, CSUS Board of Trustees