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CTNEXT Higher Education Entrepreneurship Advisory Committee

Minutes - Regular Meeting
Tuesday, November 14, 2017

A regular meeting of the CTNext Higher Education Entrepreneurship Advisory Committee (the "Committee") was held on November 14, 2017 at CT Innovations, 865 Brook Street, Rocky Hill, CT 06067.

1. **Welcome and Brief Introduction:**

Ms. Thames opened the meeting at 9:03 a.m. and thanked everyone for their attendance.

Committee Members Participating: James Boyle; Elena Cahill; Rebecca DelValle; Chris Hamer; Farenc Fazekes; Makeala Kingsley; Radenka Maric; Vince Murphy; Michael Nicastro.

Absent: Dana Cerone; Jeffrey Godley

Staff Attending: Kip Bergstrom, Jessica Dodge, Leslie Larson, Glendowlyn Thames.

Other Guests: Jen Widness (CCIC), Rita Zangari (UConn), Tim Folta, Mei Wei, Dale Jasinski, Mike Roer, Gregory Gallo, Gad Selig, Drew Harris, Michelle Kalis, Miah LaPierre-Dreger, Louis Manzione, Cynthia Lyon, Caroline Dealy and Maria-Isabel Carnasciali, Ph.D.

Ms. Thames thanked everyone for their engagement through the process. She briefly reviewed goals and objectives for the meeting and asked that committee members be mindful of actual or perceived conflicts of interest.

2. **Approval of Minutes:**

Mr. Hamer made a motion and Ms. Cahill seconded and the Advisory Committee members voted in favor of adopting the minutes from the July 25, 2017 meeting as presented.

3. **Application and Review Process Overview:**

Ms. Dodge gave a brief overview of the application review process; the proposed

timeline and noted that the results of today's decisions will be presented to the CTNext Board of Directors at the November 28, 2017 meeting.

4. Pitches from Grant Applicants:

The finalists each gave a five minute pitch and answered questions committee members had about their proposal.

5. Discussion and Final Award Decisions:

Discussion ensued amongst committee members with regards to leveraging already existing programs and open participation for all universities statewide. The committee discussed the merit of each proposal at length and through consensus put forth the following recommendations to be considered by the CTNext Board of Directors as follows:

- CT Consortium of Entrepreneurship Educators, Dale Janiski
- CT Consortium of Entrepreneurship Educators, Drew Harris
- UConn's CT Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation, Tim Folta
- University of Bridgeport, Gad Selig
- UConn Health Center, Caroline Dealy
- UConn Technology Commercialization Services, Greg Gallo
- University of Saint Joseph, Michelle Kalis
- Business Council of Fairfield County, Cynthia Lyon
- University of New Haven, Ronald Harichandran

6. Proposed meeting dates:

Discussion ensued about adding a special meeting on January 10, 2018 for a presentation from TEconomy regarding the Baseline Assessment and Strategic Plan they conducted on behalf of CTNext.

8. Meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Glendowlyn Thames
Executive Director of CTNext