

CTNEXT Higher Education Entrepreneurship Advisory Committee

Minutes - Regular Meeting
Wednesday, February 27, 2019

A regular meeting of the CTNext Higher Education Entrepreneurship Advisory Committee (the "Committee") was held on February 27, 2019 at CT Innovations, 865 Brook Street, Rocky Hill, CT 06067.

1. Welcome and Roll Call:

In the absence of Radenka Maric, Co-Chairperson, Ms. Thames, opened the meeting at 9:04 a.m. and thanked everyone for their attendance. She reviewed goals and objectives for the meeting. Noting that we did not have a quorum, everyone agreed to continue with the meeting objectives and have the presentations and that we would schedule a special meeting to recap and take necessary votes for the following Wednesday, March 6, 2019 when there will be a quorum present. A conversation ensued as it relates to empty seats on the committee and how to proceed.

Committee Members Participating: Elena Cahill; Chris Hamer; Makeala Kingsley and Michael Nicastro.

Absent: Radenka Maric, Co-Chairperson; Rebecca DelValle; Jeffrey Godley and Vince Murphy

Staff Attending: Kip Bergstrom; Jessica Dodge; Rachel Ferreira; Glendowlyn Thames and Lisa Day

Other Guests: Sarah Bodley; Sheri Dente; Tim Folta; Jennifer Murphy; Gad Selig; Jen Widness and Rita Zangari

2. Approval of Minutes:

Approval of minutes for November 15, 2018 – due to not having quorum this item was ***Tabled***

3. Overview of Application and Review Process:

Ms. Dodge gave a recap of the overall application review process, noting today's proposals were not new proposals but grant renewals for the Advisory Committee

to consider.

4. Review and Grant Award Discussion:

Representatives for renewal grant proposals each gave a five-minute presentation of what they accomplished with year 1 funding and engaged in a question and answer segment with committee members present and staff.

Representatives for a previously approved proposal provided a five-minute update given a shift in timing of their original approval and a slight shift in scope and engaged in a question and answer segment with committee members and staff.

Recommendations – due to not having quorum this item was ***Tabled***

5. Future Funding and Strategy Discussion:

Ms. Thames introduced to the committee two new staff members Thomas Bradley, Director of Communications and Marketing and Rachel Ferreira, Program Associate. The committee welcomed them to the CTNext staff.

Ms. Thames then gave a recap of CTNext's overarching strategy for the next five years along with providing a snapshot of investment made to date through the Higher Education Fund. In addition, she provided members with an update on the implementation plan and year one priorities, funding and future opportunities.

6. Next meeting scheduled for May 15, 2019

7. Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Radenka Maric, Chairperson