

## **CTNEXT Higher Education Entrepreneurship Advisory Committee**

Minutes - Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, May 15, 2019

A regular meeting of the CTNext Higher Education Entrepreneurship Advisory Committee (the "Committee") was held on May 15, 2019 at CT Innovations, 865 Brook Street, Rocky Hill, CT 06067.

### **1. Welcome and Roll Call:**

Ms. Maric, Chairperson, opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. and thanked everyone for their attendance.

Committee Members Participating: Radenka Maric, Chairperson; Elena Cahill; Chris Hamer; Jeffrey Godley; Makeala Kingsley and Vince Murphy

Absent: Rebecca DelValle and Michael Nicasro

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

Other Guests: Dimas Catalan; Supriyo B. Chatterjee; Dr. Matt Connell; Gregg Gallo; Gerry Garcia; Cathy Graves; Norman Gray; Kazem Kazerounian (via phone); Jhonny Membreno; Kevin Rivas; Aileen Singleton; Tertia Trowbridge; Sandra Ward; Fred Wergeles; Mei Wei (via phone) and Rita Zangari

### **2. Approval of Minutes:**

Mr. Hamer made a motion and Mr. Godley seconded and the Advisory Committee members voted in favor of adopting the minutes from the March 6, 2019, meeting as presented.

**Ms. Cahill was not present for the vote**

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

Ms. Dodge gave a brief overview of the RFI and RFP application review process and the proposed timeline noting that the results of today's decisions will be presented to the CTNext Board of Directors at the June 4, 2019 meeting.

Representatives for new grant proposals each gave a ten-minute presentation and engaged in a questions and answer segment with committee members and staff.

Discussion ensued amongst committee members. 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:

- Connecticut College – Tertia Trowbridge
- EDC New Haven – Gerry Garcia and Cathy Graves
- Goodwin College – Sandra Ward and Dr. Matt Connell

**Mr. Hamer made a motion and Ms. Cahill seconded and the Advisory Committee members voted in favor of putting forth the recommendations for Connecticut College in an amount up to \$26,432, EDC New Haven in an amount up to \$50,000 and Goodwin College in the amount of up to \$200,000 with the required cash match to be presented to the CTNext Board of Directors for approval.**

**5. Renewal Grant Applicants:**

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

Discussion ensued amongst committee members. 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:

- Connecticut College for Arts and Technology, Norman Gray, Aileen Singleton, Dimas Catalan, Jhonny Membreno and Kevin Rivas
- University of Connecticut GEN – Kazem Kazerounian and Mei Wei
- University of Connecticut Tech Transfer – Greg Gallo

**Mr. Hamer made a motion and Ms. Cahill seconded and the Advisory Committee members voted in favor of putting forth the recommendations for Connecticut College for Arts and Technology in an amount up to \$200,000, University of Connecticut GEN in an amount up to \$170,000 and University of Connecticut Tech Transfer in an amount up to \$484,500 with the required cash match to be presented to the CTNext Board of Directors for approval.**

6. **Closing Remarks:**

Ms. Thames made a recommendation to schedule a meeting in July to strategize initiatives moving forward. A brief discussion ensued.

7. **Next meeting to be scheduled for July 2019**

8. **Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,



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Radenka Maric, Chairperson