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CTNext Higher Education Entrepreneurship Advisory Committee

Minutes – Regular Meeting
Friday, November 13, 2020

A regular meeting of the CTNext Higher Education Entrepreneurship Advisory Committee (the “Committee”) was held telephonically on November 13, 2020.

1. Welcome and Roll Call:

Ms. Thames opened the meeting at 1:30 p.m. Ms. Thames thanked everyone for attending via a virtual meeting using Microsoft Teams and provided a brief overview of the agenda.

Committee Members Participating: Colleen L. Bielitz, Ph.D. (by phone); Elena Cahill (by phone); Rebecca DelValle (by phone); Chris Hamer (by phone); Makeala Kingsley and Michael Nicastro

Absent: Radenka Maric, Chairperson, Jeffrey Godley and Vince Murphy

Staff Attending: Jessica Dodge (by phone); Julia Napolitano (by phone); David Steuber (by phone); Glendowlyn Thames (by phone) and Lisa Day (by phone)

Other Guests: Sarah Bodley – reSET; Hadi Bozorgmanesh – UConn EE-REU; Sherri Dente – University of Bridgeport; Julie Gehring – UConn Werth Institute; Patrick Hedikamp – SCSU Blue Economy; Dale Jasinski – Entrepreneurship Foundation; David Noble – UConn Werth Institute and Leslie Shor – UConn Enhancing Connecticut Entrepreneurship Network

2. Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Thames asked the Advisory Committee members to consider the minutes from the August 20, 2020 regular meeting.

Mr. Hamer made a motion and Mr. Nicastro seconded and the Advisory Committee members voted in favor of adopting the minutes from the August 20, 2020, regular meeting as presented.

3. Q&A Grant Awards:

Renewals:

Representatives from the grant award renewals each gave a brief presentation of what they had accomplished with the previous year’s funding and engaged in a question and answer segment.

- Entrepreneurship Foundation – Dale Jasinski
- reSET – Sara Bodley
- Southern Connecticut State University – Patrick Hedikamp
- UConn EE-REU – Hadi Bozorgmanesh
- UConn Enhancing Connecticut Entrepreneurship Network – Leslie Shor
- UConn Werth Institute – David Noble
- University of Bridgeport – Sherri Dente

A discussion ensued.

4. **Recommendations to CTNext BOD, Final Decisions:**

Ms. Dodge discussed the proposal renewals and a discussion ensued.

Committee members unanimously agreed to table this item for further discussion during a “Special Meeting” to be scheduled within the next few days and prior to the CTNext Board of Directors meeting on November 24, 2020.

5. **Approval of FY21-FY22 Meeting Schedule:**

Item Tabled

6. **Adjournment:**

Upon a motion made by Mr. Nicastro and seconded by Mr. Hamer, the Advisory Committee voted unanimously in favor of adjourning the November 13, 2020 meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Glendowlyn Thames,
Acting Chairperson