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## **CTNext Higher Education Entrepreneurship Advisory Committee**

Minutes – Special Meeting  
Tuesday, November 17, 2020

A special meeting of the CTNext Higher Education Entrepreneurship Advisory Committee (the “Committee”) was held electronically through Microsoft Teams on November 17, 2020.

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

Ms. Thames opened the meeting at 6:14 p.m. Ms. Thames thanked everyone for attending this “Special Meeting” and provided a brief overview of the agenda.

Committee Members Participating: Elena Cahill; Rebecca DeValle; Chris Hamer; Makeala Kingsley; Radenka Maric, Chairperson, Vince Murphy and Michael Nicastro

Absent: Colleen L. Bielitz, Ph.D. and Jeffrey Godley

Staff Attending: Jessica Dodge; Julia Napolitano; David Steuber; Glendowlyn Thames and Lisa Day

### **2. Strategy Discussion, Application and Review Process:**

Ms. Dodge gave a brief overview of the application and review process and the proposed timeline. She then discussed strategic next steps.

A discussion ensued.

The committee agreed to continue the discussion as it relates to RFP’s after further review in the next meeting scheduled for February 18, 2021.

### **3. Recommendations to CTNext BOD, Final Decisions:**

Ms. Dodge discussed the proposal renewals:

- Entrepreneurship Foundation – Dale Jasinski

**Mr. Nicastro made a motion and Mr. Hamer seconded, and the Advisory Committee members voted to in favor of putting forth the recommendation for the Entrepreneurship Foundation in an amount not to exceed \$262,250, to be presented to the CTNext Board of Directors for approval.**

- reSET – Sara Bodley

**Mr. Nicastro made a motion and Mr. Hamer seconded, and the Advisory Committee members voted to in favor of putting forth the recommendation for reSET in an amount not to exceed \$26,639.**

- Southern Connecticut State University – Patrick Hedikamp

**Mr. Nicastro made a motion and Mr. Hamer seconded, and the Advisory Committee members voted to in favor of putting forth the recommendation for Southern Connecticut State University in an amount not to exceed \$58,444.**

- UConn EE-REU – Hadi Bozorgmanesh

**Mr. Nicastro made a motion and Mr. Hamer seconded, and the Advisory Committee members voted to decline the recommendations for UConn EE-REU therefore the motion failed and will not be presented to the CTNext Board of Directors for approval.**

- UConn Enhancing Connecticut Entrepreneurship Network – Leslie Shor

**Mr. Nicastro made a motion and Mr. Hamer seconded, and the Advisory Committee members voted to in favor of putting forth the recommendation for UConn Enhancing Connecticut Entrepreneurship Network in an amount not to exceed \$199,747, to be presented to the CTNext Board of Directors for approval.**

- UConn Werth Institute – David Noble

**Mr. Nicastro made a motion and Mr. Hamer seconded, and the Advisory Committee members voted to in favor of putting forth the recommendation for UConn Werth Institute in an amount not to exceed \$125,000, to be presented to the CTNext Board of Directors for approval.**

- University of Bridgeport – Sherri Dente

**Mr. Nicastro made a motion and Mr. Hamer seconded, and the Advisory Committee members voted to in favor of putting forth the recommendation for University of Bridgeport in an amount not to exceed \$120,000, to be presented to the CTNext Board of Directors for approval.**

#### **4. Approval of FY21-FY22 Meeting Schedule:**

Ms. Thames asked the Advisory Committee to approve the meeting dates for approval as presented for 2021.

**Upon a motion made by Mr. Nicastro, seconded by Ms. Kingsley, the Advisory**

**Committee members voted in favor of approving the Advisory Committee dates as presented for 2021. Meetings will be held remotely as Team Meetings until further notice.**

**5. Adjournment:**

**Upon a motion made by Mr. Nicastro and seconded by Mr. Hamer, the Advisory Committee voted unanimously in favor of adjourning the November 17, 2020 meeting at 7:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Glendowlyn Thames,  
Acting Chairperson