

Thursday March 18, 2010

State Senator Martin Looney
Co-Chair, Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee

CC: State Representative Claire Janowski
Co-Chair, Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee
CC: Governor M. Jodi Rell

Dear Senator Looney:

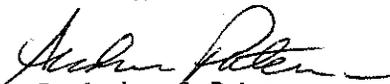
I am writing to express my concern regarding a recent suggested nomination for the Board of Trustees for Connecticut Community-Technical Colleges. The nomination of Jonathan Daube as a member of the Board of Trustees is one I would like to oppose.

I feel this would set a precedent that could allow for other recently retired Community College Presidents to consider taking this same course of action, directly affecting the climate of the Board of Trustees. A newly-retired president of a Community College is going to lack objectivity when it comes to making decisions about the college from which s/he has retired. Therefore, I feel this has the potential to create problems for our current president if Jonathan Daube were to serve on the Board –overseeing all aspects of the Connecticut Community College System, and specifically, Manchester Community College. Manchester Community College is headed in a new direction now under new leadership and this nomination risks jeopardizing our current President's vision for the college.

There is a petition circulating on campus at the present time opposing this nomination and it also will be a discussion item on the agenda for the Academic Senate meeting (members include all Faculty and Professional Staff) on Monday March 29, 2010. I fully expect you will find widespread support in opposing this nomination. I know there are members of the campus staff, and retired members as well, who would like an opportunity to speak to your committee members regarding this issue. Although you did have a public hearing... the campus community was not aware of it at the time. I am asking you to consider having an additional public hearing so that members of the college community can attend and express their opinions to your committee.

Finally, I would like the opportunity to personally deliver the petitions and the Academic Senate resolution to your office on Tuesday March 30, 2010. I know this all adds more time to this process, however, I felt you would like to know the opinions of members of the campus staff who have all worked with this nominee at Manchester Community College.

Sincerely,



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