

CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION

Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs Meeting

Thursday, September 29, 2011

3:30 p.m.

1849 Room, Student Center

Central Connecticut State University

New Britain, CT

Members Present: *Hon. Joseph Shortall (Chair), Vivien Blackford, Robert Devlin, Michael Lawlor (Vice Chair), Susan Pease, Maureen Price-Boreland, Thomas Ullmann*

MINUTES

I. MEETING CONVENED (Hon. Joseph M. Shortall)

Judge Shortall called the meeting to order at approximately 3:35 p.m.

II. DISCUSSION OF INITIAL COMMITTEE TASKS

Judge Shortall discussed the importance of beginning new research projects and asked chairs and co-chairs to develop one or two issue-oriented research questions in their committees to bring back to the Commission. These questions will be the starting point for engaging the various entities that offered their support through the University Partnership (CCSU, Quinnipiac, UNH, Yale, UCONN). In regard to the timeline, Judge Shortall asked that the committees meet one or two times before the Full Sentencing Commission meeting on November 10, 2011. He emphasized that these research questions and ultimately the research projects do not have to be targeted towards the 2012 Session of the General Assembly.

Committee assignments were distributed. It was explained that while these assignments formalize committee membership, the assignments were based on the solicited requests of Commission members and the intent was not to discourage members from serving on other committees. Commission members may serve on or attend any committee meeting of the Commission.

III. OTHER BUSINESS

Judge Shortall discussed the process for adding non-Commission members to the committees. He asked that the chairs and co-chairs recommend additional members which he will then approve after consultation.

IV. MEETING ADJOURNED

Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:15 p.m.