



Connecticut State University System

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RESOLUTION

concerning

THE USE OF DESIGNATED FUND BALANCES TO FUND
THE NEW BASEBALL FIELD AND SOFTBALL FIELD IMPROVEMENTS
AT
SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

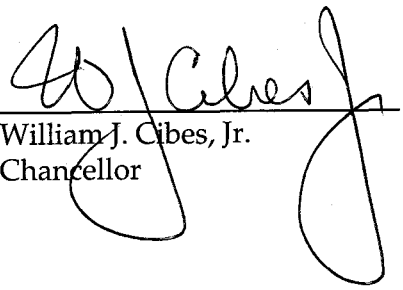
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WHEREAS, It has been determined that a new baseball field and softball field improvements are necessary at Southern Connecticut State University (SCSU), and

WHEREAS, Intercollegiate athletics can play an important role in the visibility, vitality, and viability of an academic institution, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That SCSU is authorized to transfer up to \$1,606,000 from their Plant Reserve Fund to fund a new baseball field and softball field improvements at SCSU.

A Certified True Copy:


William J. Gibes, Jr.
Chancellor

ITEM

The use of designated fund balances to fund the new baseball field and softball field improvements at Southern Connecticut State University (SCSU).

BACKGROUND

Southern's Intercollegiate Athletics Program competes at the Division II level for both men's and women's sports. The university is a member of the Northeast Conference and has nine men's and ten women's teams with approximately 240 men and 180 women participating in intercollegiate athletics.

The men's baseball program does not currently have a baseball field. The team uses two sites, Quigley Field in West Haven and Bowen Field at Hillhouse High School, for practice and home games. The university would like to construct a baseball field with spectator seating and a scorekeeper's box/maintenance building.

ANALYSIS

The proposed baseball field would be constructed to the dimensional requirements of the NCAA and provide seating for 600 spectators. A feasibility study was completed by a civil/structural consultant and recommended that the area adjacent to Seabury Hall/Student Center would be suitable for use as a baseball field. The site to be used includes a small portion of wetlands; however, the design consultant has received the necessary approvals from the City of New Haven's Inland and Wetlands Commission.

The university would like to start construction this Spring, anticipating use for Fall 2000. The total cost of the project is projected to be \$1.3 million.

New Baseball Field	\$800,000
Grand Stand/Press Box	\$300,000
Site Work	\$ 60,000
Subtotal	\$1,160,000
Contingency 10%	<u>\$116,000</u>
TOTAL	\$1,276,000

The university would also like to make improvements to the Women's Softball Field. The field was constructed in 1997 and is located in back of Pelz Gymnasium. Currently, the field has bleachers for 50-75 spectators and a butler style building for storage and maintenance. The university would like to upgrade the spectator area to include dugouts and a scorekeeper's box/maintenance building similar to the design proposed for the men's field. At this time, a design has not been developed but the project costs are estimated at \$300,000.

Grand Stand/Press Box	\$300,000
Contingency 10%	<u>30,000</u>
	\$330,000

The designation of unrestricted fund balances for specific projects at a university is authorized by Board policy. Expenditure of these funds requires Board approval. Of particular note is that SCSU's undesignated fund balance meets the requirements of the Board's fund balance guidelines.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION

Approve the utilization of up to \$1,606,000 in designated fund balances to fund the new baseball field and softball field improvements at Southern Connecticut State University.