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RESOLUTION  
naming the

SWING SPACE BUILDING

at

WESTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY  
IN HONOR OF DR. TRUMAN A. WARNER

August 25, 2000

WHEREAS, Dr. Truman A. Warner was a student at Western Connecticut State University in the 1938-1942 period and subsequently served WCSU as a faculty member and administrator from 1958 through his retirement in 1995, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Warner's service consisted of tenure as Director of Admissions for five years and then as a full-time faculty member in the Social Sciences/History department, including service as the Chairman of the department, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Warner, for almost four decades, was the model of an effective teacher and devoted his lifetime to educating children and adults in the Danbury area, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Warner published many books and articles and participated in innumerable workshops and lectures to civic and public school groups on regional history and culture, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Warner during his lengthy relationship with the University, touched the lives of countless students, colleagues and community residents and was held in the highest regard by them and in whose memory he lives on despite his passing in 1997, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Warner as a historian, anthropologist and superb teacher was a significant part of WCSU for over 30 years, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System hereby designates the Swing Space Building at Western Connecticut State University to be known now and hereafter as the Truman A. Warner Building.

A Certified True Copy:

Lawrence D. McHugh, Chairman

William J. Gibes, Jr. Chancellor

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ITEM

Naming the Swing Space Building at Western Connecticut State University for Dr. Truman A. Warner.

BACKGROUND

The general policy of the Board is that buildings or other physical facilities may be named in memory of those who have made significant contributions to the society or the university, or to honor people upon retirement or after retirement from active state, civic or public service.

ANALYSIS

The President of Western Connecticut State University has submitted his recommendation for naming the Swing Space Building at Western Connecticut State University the Truman A. Warner Building. Dr. Warner served WCSU as a faculty member and administrator from 1958 through 1995 and earlier had been a student at WCSU's predecessor, Danbury State Teachers College. His service consisted of tenure as Director of Admissions and member and Chairman of the Social Science/History department. Dr. Warner also contributed greatly to his profession and community through his active role in the Danbury area including service as President and Board member of the Scott-Fanton Museum. The proposed naming was strongly recommended by WCSU's Committee on Naming Opportunities.

Because the President of WCSU would like to announce the name change at a ceremony in early September, the Executive Committee, acting on behalf of the Board, may approve the recommendation with ratification of its action by the full Board at the next scheduled meeting in October.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION

Approve the recommendation to name the Swing Space Building at Western Connecticut State University, the Truman A. Warner Building.



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August 1, 2000

Dr. William J. Cibes, Jr. Chancellor  
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Dear Bill:

I am writing to you regarding the naming of the swing building for Dr. Truman A. Warner. Mr. Richard E. Davis, a long time friend of Truman Warner, has executed his Last Will and Testament and has bequeathed the remainder of his estate to the Truman A. Warner Scholarship Fund at Western Connecticut State University. He has also executed an Inter Vivos Charitable Remainder Unitrust for the benefit of Western Connecticut State University for the minimum amount of \$100,000. The current estimate of the total estate is approximately \$750,000.

As I mentioned in my letter regarding the naming of the building for Truman A. Warner, this will be the first building named to honor a faculty member here at the University.

If you need any further information regarding this recommendation, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

James R. Roach



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June 8, 2000

Dr. William J. Cibes, Jr.  
Chancellor  
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39 Woodland Street  
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Dear Chancellor Cibes:

The WCSU Committee on Naming Opportunities has recommended to me that the Swing Space Building, currently the temporary home of the Ruth Haas Library, be named for Dr. Truman A. Warner, a longtime member of the Western faculty.

Members of the naming committee included the Vice President for Institutional Advancement, the Director of Alumni and University Events, a member of the WCSU Foundation Board, AAUP faculty members, and an emeritus professor.

Dr. Warner's affiliation with Western began during his student years from 1938-1942 at the university, then called Danbury Teachers College. He returned to the university in 1958 and served as director of admission for five years. He then moved to full-time teaching in the Social Sciences/History department and served as the chairman of the combined department until 1970. He retired on June 1, 1995, after over 35 years of service. Dr. Warner passed away in 1997.

For almost four decades, Dr. Warner was the model of an effective scholar-teacher. He devoted his lifetime to educating adults and students in the Danbury area. He wrote books and articles, participated in workshops and gave innumerable talks to civic and public school groups on regional history and culture. He was a former president and board member of the Scott-Fanton Museum here in Danbury.

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Truman Warner had a very strong affiliation with the university. His life was inextricably linked with that of the university. He came as a student and left as one of our most respected faculty members. During his tenure he educated and touched the lives of countless students and also served as a mentor to faculty, who held him in the highest regard. An historian, anthropologist, and a superb teacher, Truman Warner was a significant part of the growth and development of the university for over 30 years.

If this recommendation is approved, it would be the first Western building named for a member of the faculty. I think it would be a wonderful tribute to all of our fine and dedicated faculty.

I hope you and the Board of Trustees will see fit to support this recommendation.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James R. Roach".

James R. Roach