



Connecticut State University System

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RESOLUTION

concerning

CONTINUATION OF THE
WESTSIDE NATURE PRESERVE CENTER

AT

WESTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

November 2, 2000

WHEREAS, The Westside Nature Preserve Center was established at Western Connecticut State University by Trustees Resolution 93-69 and reauthorized by Board Resolution 94-92 with the requirement that it be evaluated by the President of Western Connecticut State University, and

WHEREAS, The President of Western Connecticut State University has evaluated the Center's operation and has recommended its continuation, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System authorizes the continuation of the Westside Nature Preserve Center at Western Connecticut State University and requires that the President of Western submit a report to the Chancellor of the Connecticut State University System evaluating the performance of the Center and recommending continuance or discontinuance by September 1, 2005, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Westside Nature Preserve Center at Western Connecticut State University shall go out of existence on December 31, 2005, unless the Board of Trustees acts to the contrary.

A Certified True Copy:

William J. Cibes, Jr.
Chancellor

ITEM

Continuation of the Westside Nature Preserve Center at Western Connecticut State University

BACKGROUND

The Westside Nature Preserve Center was established by the Board in 1993, and continued in 1994, as a land preserve for instruction and research at the undergraduate and graduate levels through the department of Biological Sciences at WCSU. The Center also provides public service activities as a resource for public schools and the general public.

ANALYSIS

Over the past three years, with the re-appointment of Dr. Frank Dye as director, the Center, as its primary activity, conducted nature walks for the university community and the general public, attracting 15 faculty and students and between 50 and 100 participants from outside the university each week. The center also conducted guided tours three to four times each semester. The center provides support for two to four classes each semester as well as research opportunities for four to six undergraduate and graduate students. The Center has produced eight publications that including a manuscript to the Bulletin of Environmental Contamination and Toxicology. The Center has a current fund balance of about \$2,700.

The WNP is a vital and effective component of Western's teaching, research and public service functions. Plans for the future include development of trail maps and self-guided tours.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION

Accept the report of the President of WCSU to continue the Center and require an evaluation of the continuing operation of the Westside Nature Preserve Center, by September 1, 2005. A sunset date of December 31, 2005 will be in force if the Center is not recommended for continuance.