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Connecticut State University System

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RESOLUTION

concerning

LICENSURE AND ACCREDITATION

for a

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in

ANTHROPOLOGY

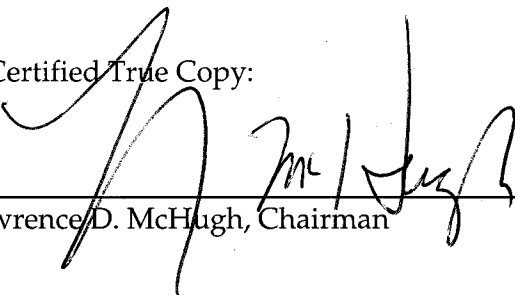
at

SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

April 5, 2001

RESOLVED, That under the authority granted to the Board of Trustees for Connecticut State University System in Chapter 185b, Section 10a-87 and 10a-149 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Chancellor of the Connecticut State University System is authorized to seek licensure and accreditation from the Connecticut Board of Governors for Higher Education for a Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science in Anthropology degrees to be presented by Southern Connecticut State University.

A Certified True Copy:


Lawrence D. McHugh, Chairman

ITEM

Licensure and Accreditation for a Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science in Anthropology at Southern Connecticut State University

BACKGROUND

SCSU proposes to offer a BA/BS in Anthropology as additional undergraduate degrees in the School of Arts and Sciences. The new major builds on the current minor in Anthropology offered by the Department of Sociology and Anthropology. The faculty resources assigned to this program have been accomplished through reallocation because of retirements, resignations or other internal decisions and do not result in the diminution of any other program. The new major is patterned after a very successful program at Rutgers University and features the "four-field" approach to Anthropology: Physical and Cultural Anthropology, Archeology, and Anthropological Linguistics. The BS option offers a practical career-focused curriculum; the BA offers a more theoretical approach.

ANALYSIS

The BA/BS in Anthropology is congruent with the mission and strategic plan of the University and the School of Arts and Sciences. The proposed degree is interdisciplinary in nature and will draw on a number of existing programs at SCSU and not require a substantial array of new resources. The BA and BS options are likely to assure a broader appeal to a large and diverse audience of potential students. A major in Anthropology provides graduates with an array of academic knowledge and professional skills. It also exposes students to information regarding diverse cultures. The new degree will contribute significantly to workforce development, enhance preparation for advanced study and increase the appreciation and respect for diversity.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION

Authorize Southern Connecticut State University to seek licensure and accreditation from the Connecticut Board of Governors for Higher Education for a Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology.