

Connecticut State University System

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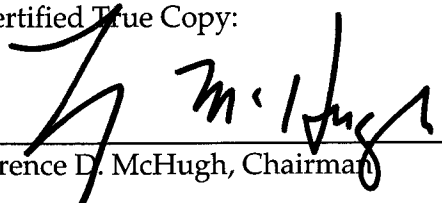


RESOLUTION  
 concerning  
 LICENSURE AND ACCREDITATION  
 of a program in  
 BUSINESS INFORMATION SYSTEMS  
 leading to a  
 BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE  
 at  
 EASTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY  
 October 3, 2002

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System approves Eastern Connecticut State University's proposal to offer a Bachelor of Science degree program in Business Information Systems, and be it further

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 for this program from the Connecticut Board of Governors for Higher Education.

A Certified True Copy:

  
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 Lawrence D. McHugh, Chairman

**ITEM**

Licensure and Accreditation of a Bachelor of Science degree program in Business Information Systems at Eastern Connecticut State University

**BACKGROUND**

This program has been developed to address the demand for graduates with a broad business and liberal arts background, in addition to a thorough understanding of business information systems.

**ANALYSIS**

This proposal is well researched and developed and truly appears to present a new program emphasis for two areas that have been either separate or only informally connected. The program's mission presents a clear presentation of goals, objectives and assessment—including a capstone course in which students will evaluate and apply concepts from previous courses. Students will have a choice of completing an internship or a cooperative work experience monitored by program faculty.

The unique nature of the program addresses both the social and economic needs of the state. Based on an analysis of students enrolled as contract majors and in independent study, there appears to be a strong demand and critical mass (83 students) to support the program. While there are five existing programs in the state, the combination of business and information systems underscores this program's uniqueness and strength in comparison.

No additional faculty, resources, facilities, or equipment will be required in the first two years; an additional full-time faculty member will be hired in year three. This program will be included in the university's cycle for replacement of computers and software.

**CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the proposal from Eastern Connecticut State University to offer a Bachelor of Science degree program in Business Information Systems.