



Connecticut State University System

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RESOLUTION

concerning

PROGRAM MODIFICATION

for

ONLINE DELIVERY OF MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE PROGRAM IN ACCOUNTING

by

EASTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

October 3, 2002

WHEREAS, Eastern Connecticut State University currently offers the Master of Science degree program in Accounting at its Willimantic campus under license and accreditation by the Department of Higher Education, and

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees authorized the funding and delivery of online instruction under the coordination of the System Office via *OnlineCSU* in May 1998 as formalized in BR 02-28, and

WHEREAS, The offering of the Master of Science degree program in Accounting online is an alternative method of delivery only and not an alteration in content, and

WHEREAS, The Department of Higher Education has determined the provisions of the off-campus approval process of the Board of Governors for Higher Education to be applicable in this instance, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System approves Eastern Connecticut State University's application to the Board of Governors for Higher Education for modification of its MS in Accounting degree program to be delivered by *OnlineCSU* as an off-campus program

A Certified True Copy:

William J. Cibes, Jr., Chancellor

ITEM

Online Delivery of Master Science Degree Program in Accounting by Eastern Connecticut State University

BACKGROUND

Eastern Connecticut State University proposes to offer its graduate degree in Accounting entirely on the Internet through *OnlineCSU*. Approval for this delivery is sought under the provisions for approval of off-campus programs by the Board of Governors for Higher Education as advised by Department of Higher Education (DHE). ECSU offers the MS in Accounting under licensure and accreditation of DHE and will offer the identical content in its online version.

ANALYSIS

In actuality, ECSU's proposal to extend its MS in Accounting program through online delivery is an alteration in instructional method only and is not analogous to off-campus delivery, although DHE is using this process to examine the online proposals coming to its attention. ECSU intends its online MS in Accounting program to offer the identical roster of courses by its regular faculty and to support students in similar ways to the support provided to students on campus. All Accounting faculty will teach the online courses. Utilization of delivery by *OnlineCSU* will assure consistency in the quality of instructional and support services provided to students.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION

Approve ECSU's application for DHE approval of online delivery of the MS in Accounting through *OnlineCSU* as an off-campus program.