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RESOLUTION

concerning

AWARD OF THE TITLE
CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR
to

C. THOMAS PHILBRICK

January 30, 2004

WHEREAS, The faculty at Western Connecticut State University has recommended Professor C. Thomas. Philbrick for the title of Connecticut State University Professor, and

WHEREAS, The President of Western Connecticut State University, James R. Roach, has recommended awarding this title to Professor C. Thomas Philbrick, and Connecticut State University Chancellor, William J. Cibes, Jr., has concurred, and

WHEREAS, Professor Philbrick has served Western Connecticut State University since 1993 as a member of the Biology Department and greatly assisted in the growth and development of the Department's curriculum and programs; and

WHEREAS, Professor Philbrick has contributed to numerous books on systematic and evolution of water plants, and he has published articles in professional journals on the same topic; and

WHEREAS, Professor Philbrick is a prolific scientific researcher who involves students in his research projects and thereby enriches his teaching and their learning; and

WHEREAS, Professor Philbrick, grant writer and scholar, has lectured throughout the United States and abroad, and is recognized by his colleagues for his professional excellence; therefore be it

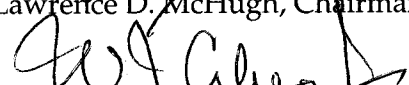
RESOLVED, That the title Connecticut State University Professor is herewith awarded by the Board of Trustees to C. Thomas Philbrick of Western Connecticut State University effective January 30, 2004, pursuant to the BOT/AAUP Collective Bargaining Agreement; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Professor Philbrick be entitled to all the rights and privileges and responsibilities pertaining to this honor.

A Certified True Copy:



Lawrence D. McHugh, Chairman



William J. Cibes, Jr., Chancellor

ITEM

Award of the Title Connecticut State University Professor to C. Thomas Philbrick

BACKGROUND

In 1987, at the request of the Board of Trustees for Connecticut State University, the title Connecticut State University Professor was created to recognize outstanding merit among the teaching faculty in the System. Each university is limited to three such designated scholars at any time. To attain the designation, a faculty member must be nominated through a committee procedure which is advisory to the University President, receive the recommendations of the University President and CSU Chancellor, and receive approval of the Board of Trustees. CSU Professors receive a salary 10 percent higher than they would otherwise receive for their rank and years of service.

ANALYSIS

Dr. Philbrick, is a prolific scientific researcher, grant writer and scholar, and has lectured throughout the United States and abroad; is recognized by his colleagues for his professional excellence; and has greatly assisted the Biology Department in the growth and development of programs and curriculum. The designation of CSU Professor for Dr. Philbrick has been recommended by President Roach and Chancellor Cibes.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION

The resolution awarding the title of CSU Professor to Western Connecticut State University Professor Philbrick should be approved.



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
JAMES R. ROACH, PH.D

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December 31, 2003

Dr. William J. Cibes, Jr., Chancellor
Connecticut State University System
39 Woodland Street
Hartford, CT 06105-2337

Dear Bill:

I am pleased to recommend to the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University System that Dr. C. Thomas Philbrick, WCSU Professor of Biology, be appointed as CSU Professor at Western Connecticut State University. I am making this recommendation based on Dr. Philbrick's strong record in research and in teaching.

Dr. Philbrick has been a professor of biology here at the university for over 10 years. He is an excellent teacher who has achieved an important balance between research and teaching. He is very strong in scholarship and has published a significant number of scientific papers in reputable academic journals. He referees manuscripts for a number of academic journals, including the American Journal of Botany, the Australian Journal of Botany, and the International Journal of Plant Science. He also referees grant proposals for funding agencies, including the National Science Foundation and the National Geographic Society.

Dr. Philbrick has conducted international field research in Denmark, Brazil, Thailand, Russia and other locales around the globe. He has achieved remarkable success in securing grants for his research, including over \$450,000 in grants from the National Science Foundation. His direct involvement in research has been a great benefit to our students. He has integrated students into his research work, providing them with opportunities and experiences well beyond classroom learning. His research program not only facilitates learning for our students, but also brings credit to WestConn from external sources.

Dr. William J. Cibes, Jr.

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Dr. Philbrick has been responsive to the needs of the region, particularly to the City of Danbury. He has been instrumental in the establishing of the "Science at Night" talks that are of great benefit to the local community, and has published a number of articles in the *News-Times* about his research and professional activities.

Dr. Philbrick's international collaboration with scholars in his field addresses a needed and timely dimension to the concept of global learning and cooperation. The Convenio that he established with the National University of Mexico seven years ago facilitates such international cooperation. Dr. Philbrick has engaged in collaborative research with the Departamento de Botanica at the Universidad Federal do Rio Grande do Sul in Porto Alegre, Brazil, the Institut für Systematische Botanik in Zurich, Switzerland, and in other universities in South America and Mexico.

It is because of the depth and breadth of Dr. Philbrick's academic activities in teaching and learning and in research that I recommend that the CSU Board of Trustees appoint him CSU professor.

If you have any questions or need further information, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,



James R. Roach

c: Dean of Human Resources, WCSU