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RESOLUTION
establishing
THE CENTER FOR GRAPHICS RESEARCH
at
WESTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

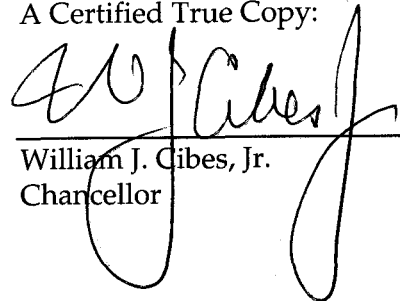
April 1, 2004

- WHEREAS, A Graphics Research Group has been in existence at Western Connecticut State University since 1998, and
- WHEREAS, The informal organization has supported such activities as computer animation research and course and program development, and
- WHEREAS, The GRG has sponsored research projects, student grants and an annual regional animation festival, and
- WHEREAS, The President of Western Connecticut State University has expressed the desire to establish a Center for Graphics Research to formalize the activities of the GRG and expand opportunities for relating to research in computer-based imaging at WCSU, and
- WHEREAS, Such a Center will contribute substantially to university leadership in this area, therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System hereby authorizes the establishment of the Center for Graphics Research at Western Connecticut State University, and be it further
- RESOLVED, That the Center for the Graphic Research may seek and receive contracts and grants from public and private organizations and may charge fees for services related to the purposes stated above provided that all applicable state and University regulations are observed, and be it further
- RESOLVED, That all funds received by the Center shall be deposited in a fund of the Western Connecticut State University Foundation established for this Center such funds shall be used for the purposes of this Center and appropriate University support functions rendered to the Center, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the President of Western Connecticut State University is directed to periodically evaluate the functioning of the Center for Graphics Research in terms of its effectiveness, and shall no later than September 1, 2009 report the results of the evaluation with a recommendation to the Chancellor of the CSU System who in turn shall share this information with the Board of Trustees, and be it

RESOLVED, That the Center for Graphics Research shall have a sunset date of December 31, 2009, unless action to the contrary is taken by the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System.

A Certified True Copy:



William J. Gibes, Jr.
Chancellor

ITEM

Establishing the Center for Graphics Research at Western Connecticut State University.

BACKGROUND

An informal Graphics Research Group has been in existence at WSCU since 1998. During the past five years, it has supported such activities as computer animation research, course and program development, a student grant program, and an annual computer animation festival. President Roach supports the plan to formalize these activities. With the designation as a Center, opportunities for growth and development of activities could be expanded and provide a focus for faculty and student research. Such a Center could also play a key role in the rapidly expanding computer animation industry.

ANALYSIS

The proposal for the Center for Graphics Research relates to the mission statement of the university and will provide a focus for programs and activities relating to research in computer-based imaging. In addition, objectives of the Center include providing hardware and software tools necessary for computer-based imaging research, sponsoring events for the university community and general public and assisting in the development of new courses and programs. Such a Center would also contribute to workforce needs and support

In accordance with Board policy, the university has provided an appropriate statement of purpose, means for operation and governance, including the receipt of external funds, the establishment of an advisory committee, and the appointment of a director. A revenue and expense analysis has been provided. The Center will be supported primarily by a grant from an external donor and other external funding. The director will receive university support for reassigned time for the first two years, after which the position will be supported by the Center.

The Center and its work will be evaluated annually by the President of the university. The Center shall have a sunset date of December 31, 2009, if it is not recommended for continuation.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION

Approve the establishment of the Center for Graphics Research at Western Connecticut State University.