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RESOLUTION

concerning

CONTINUATION OF THE DAVID M. ROTH CENTER FOR CONNECTICUT STUDIES

AT

EASTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

November 4, 2004

WHEREAS, The David Morris Roth Center for Connecticut Studies was established at Eastern Connecticut State University by Board Resolution 86-167, and

WHEREAS, The President of Eastern Connecticut State University has evaluated the work of the Center and has recommended its continuation, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System authorizes the continuation of the David Morris Roth Center for Connecticut Studies at Eastern Connecticut State University and requires that the President of Eastern submit a report to the Chancellor of the Connecticut State University System evaluating the performance of the Center and recommending continuance or discontinuance by September 1, 2009, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the David Morris Roth Center for Connecticut Studies at Eastern Connecticut State University has a sunset date of on December 31, 2009, unless the Board of Trustees acts to the contrary.

A Certified True Copy:

Signature of William J. Cibes, Jr.
William J. Cibes, Jr.
Chancellor

ITEM

Continuing the David Morris Roth Center for Connecticut Studies at Eastern Connecticut State University

BACKGROUND

The David Morris Roth Center for Connecticut Studies was established in 1986 at Eastern Connecticut State University initially to foster quality instruction in Connecticut's history and culture. According to President Carter, the Center offers "a unique and important service to those interested in Connecticut history...and is supportive of the university's mission."

ANALYSIS

Over the years, the role of the Center has expanded to where it now serves as the repository for primary and secondary resources relevant to Connecticut history and development and is a focal point for questions and requests for information. Outreach programs provide for lectures, workshops and classroom visits. A newsletter is also published by the Center. The Center maintains a non-circulating collection in the J. Eugene Smith Library that includes 19th century textbooks, political and social memorabilia, personal papers and public records. The Center serves students, staff, genealogists, historians, faculty and the general public.

The Center continues to function under the part-time direction of a faculty member, who receives reassigned time; she is assisted by a student worker. She has given numerous lectures and presentations and is one of two historians serving on the State Historic Preservation Board. Support for personnel and operations is funded by the university.

Goals for the next five years include: continue collection and development of resources, work with secondary school teachers in understanding primary sources, make resources available on-line, and continue the newsletter and consultation activities.

President Carter has recommended the reauthorization of the Center.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION

Approve the continuation of the David M. Roth Center for Connecticut Studies with a sunset date of December 31, 2009, if the Center is not recommended for continuation.