

Connecticut State University System

Developing a State of Minds

BR#05-46



RESOLUTION

Establishing

THE CENTER FOR ELDERS AND FAMILIES

at

SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

July 22, 2005

WHEREAS, Southern Connecticut State University recognizes the need to address the growing Connecticut population of elders and their families and the challenges for which they must seek assistance, and

WHEREAS, The goals and objectives of the Center for Elders and Families support extensive engagement in community outreach and services for elders; development of interdisciplinary education and training for human services professionals; and engagement in evaluation and research in the field of gerontology, and

WHEREAS, The proposed Center will promote such programs and activities and enhance SCSU's involvement in collaborative arrangement and professional organizations that support such activities, and

WHEREAS, Such a Center will integrate these academic endeavors and substantially expand university leadership in this area, and

WHEREAS, The Center supports the university's mission and will have sufficient staffing, physical space and budgetary support to carry out its objectives, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System hereby authorizes the establishment of a Center for Elders and Families at Southern Connecticut State University, and be it further

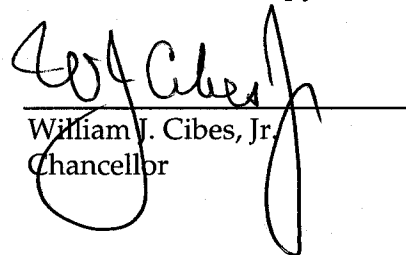
RESOLVED, That the Center may seek and receive contracts and grants from public and private organizations and may charge fees for services related to the purposes stated above provided that all applicable state and university regulations are observed, and be it further

RESOLVED, That all funds received by the Center shall be deposited in the Operating Fund at Southern Connecticut State University in accounts established for this Center and shall be used for the purposes of this Center and appropriate University support functions rendered to it, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the President of Southern Connecticut State University is directed to periodically evaluate the functioning of the Center for Elders and Families in terms of its effectiveness and fiscal solvency, and shall no later than September 1, 2010 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 further.

RESOLVED, That the Center for Elders and Families at Southern Connecticut State University shall go out of existence on December 31, 2010, unless action to the contrary is taken by the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System.

A Certified True Copy:



William J. Cibes, Jr.
Chancellor

ITEM

Establishment of a Center for Elders and Families at Southern Connecticut State University

BACKGROUND

In 2000, an initiative was begun to establish a center at Southern Connecticut State University to address the growing needs of Connecticut's seniors. The purpose of the proposed Center for Elders and Families at Southern Connecticut State University is to forge a partnership between the University and the regional community in a collaborative effort to address the growing needs of Connecticut's senior citizens. During the summer of 2002, work began to develop a multi-faceted program to address the broad mission of the proposed Center.

ANALYSIS

The stated goals support the mission of the proposed Center and are tied to the university's mission and goals. All goals relate to strengthening the quality of life of elderly citizens and their families by supporting activities that can enhance their emotional, physical, and spiritual health. The goals and objectives address improving services to the elderly, and in the process, educating and training students; expanding communication of available state and private programs available to elders; becoming the lead institution in a statewide consortium to address gerontology; assess the needs of health care professionals and engage in evidence-base practice research. These goals and objectives are manageable within the context of the Center's proposed staff and budget.

The proposal provides programmatic justification for this Center and identifies appropriate staff and physical space. A five-year budget and expense analysis has been provided. Minimal fiscal support will come from internal funds for the initial three years, with the balance from external grants and contracts; the second and third year budgets request modest reassigned time for coordination of center activities. Two faculty members will serve as co-directors and an advisory board will be established to assist in the development of community programs. External sources of funding have already been established and it appears that the center will be self-supporting after three years. The proposal also provides for assessment and evaluation of the Center and its activities on a regular basis.

In accordance with the five-year review of all Centers and Institutes established by BR01-47, the Center for Elders and Families will go out of existence on December 31, 2010 unless continuation is recommended by the President of Southern Connecticut State University by September 1, 2010.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION

Approve the establishment of a Center for Elders and Families at Southern Connecticut State University with a sunset date of December 31, 2010.