



Connecticut State University System

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RESOLUTION

concerning

APPROVAL OF MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS

for

SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

September 23, 2010

- WHEREAS, The four universities in the Connecticut State University System seek to adopt congruent but nonetheless distinct institutional missions and visions, as well as define their areas of excellence in servicing the state of Connecticut and its citizenry, and
- WHEREAS, Through Board Resolution 98-63, as amended by Board Resolution 00-91, the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System approved Southern Connecticut State University's mission and vision statements, and
- WHEREAS, As part of its strategic planning process beginning in 2006, Southern Connecticut State University engaged in an effort to revise its mission and vision statements with broad input from faculty, staff, and students, and
- WHEREAS, The mission and vision statements have been approved through appropriate university committees and processes, therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System rescinds Board Resolution 98-63, as amended by Board Resolution 00-91, and approves the university mission and vision statements for Southern Connecticut State University as attached.

A Certified True Copy:

David G. Carter, Chancellor

Mission

Southern Connecticut State University provides exemplary graduate and undergraduate education in the liberal arts and professional disciplines. As an intentionally diverse and comprehensive university, Southern is committed to academic excellence, access, social justice, and service for the public good.

Fulfilling the Mission- "Pursuing Excellence, Fostering Leadership, Empowering Communities:"

As a student-centered institution, Southern regards student success as its highest priority. We seek to instill in all of our students the value of the liberal arts and sciences as a foundation for professional development and life-long learning. Our students receive exemplary professional training and are inspired by the research, scholarship, and creative activity of our teacher-scholars.

Through tradition and innovation, Southern strives to empower every undergraduate and graduate student with the knowledge, skills, and perspectives essential for active participation and impassioned, ethical leadership in our rapidly changing global society. Within the Connecticut State University System, Southern leads the way in graduate education and produces the largest number of graduates in health/life sciences, education, and social public services.

Vision

A Model University

Southern Connecticut State University, a student-centered institution, will become nationally recognized as a model center for teaching and learning where faculty engage in outstanding research and creative activity and challenge students to reach their full potential. Our students will be empowered with the academic skills, intellectual tools, practical experiences, and extracurricular programs for success in their chosen fields of study and their life's work. Keys to their success will be excellence in critical thinking, problem-solving, technological literacy, oral and written communication, cross-cultural competence, global awareness, and collaborative, ethical leadership. We will expand our use of e-learning technologies to provide broader educational access and to introduce our students to technology as a tool for ongoing, interactive learning. Southern will employ best practices in energy conservation, the preservation of nature, and environmental responsibility to reflect our respect for the planet and future generations.

Building on Our Strengths

Southern takes great pride in being the second largest institution of higher education in Connecticut and the leading graduate center in the Connecticut State University System. The institution will foster and promote the important synergies between undergraduate and graduate programs. One of our hallmarks is the unique ways in which graduate programs enrich undergraduate programs and the ways in which the undergraduate liberal arts and sciences provide a foundation for more specialized study. Through careful assessments of our fiscal, human, physical, and technological resources, we will strive to meet the work force needs of the state and nation, especially in the fields of education, nursing, social/public services, business and STEM disciplines (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics). At the same time, we will strengthen our liberal arts core and cultivate interdisciplinary programs.

Engagement with Our Community

Through a variety of curricular and extracurricular programs, Southern will become widely known for its contributions to the intellectual, artistic, cultural, and economic growth and vitality of the region. In collaboration with other organizations, we will make significant contributions to closing educational achievement gaps, reducing health disparities, achieving social justice, and preserving our environment. The University will prepare students for social responsibility and global citizenship through the provision of exciting opportunities for community internships, service learning, and expanded international education programs. Southern will also demonstrate itself to be a visible and invaluable resource to the Greater New Haven community and the region, through educational partnerships, professional development opportunities, and community service.