



THE CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

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RESOLUTION

concerning

A SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY

FOR

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January 15, 1988

WHEREAS, The Connecticut State University Substance Abuse Study Committee has reported its findings, June, 1987, and

WHEREAS, That committee has recommended that, "A unified substance abuse policy should be developed and implemented for the Connecticut State University system emphasizing alcohol, tobacco and illicit drugs with all deliberate speed," therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Substance Abuse Policy as detailed in the attached addendum is adopted for the Connecticut State University system, and, be it

RESOLVED, That appropriate evaluations of the effectiveness of this policy in minimizing substance abuse shall be conducted on each campus including (1) analysis of surveys of student attitudes and incidence of substance abuse and (2) administrative reports prepared at the direction of the University President with the advice and comment of the campus Task Force on Substance Abuse, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That such evaluations shall be submitted to the President of Connecticut State University according to a schedule which he shall establish, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the President of Connecticut State University shall present to the Trustees an initial report on the effectiveness of the Policy by July 1988, and a future report no later than December 1989.

A Certified True Copy:

Dallas K. Beal
President

CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

Substance Abuse Policy

This policy was created in response to a recommendation of the Substance Abuse Study Committee as stated in its report, June, 1987. To wit:

"A unified substance abuse policy should be developed and implemented for the Connecticut State University system emphasizing alcohol, tobacco and illicit drugs with all deliberate speed." (p. 11.

It is intended to provide a set of general guidelines which will facilitate the construction of more specific policies on the four campuses, and to provide a measure of consistency among those policies.

Statement of Policy

It is the position of the University that college students should not abuse alcohol or take drugs for other than medicinal reasons. Further, the abuse of such substances can nullify the effective pursuit of an education and is, thus, contrary to the mission of the University. Therefore, such behavior is to be condemned, discouraged, and, where possible, prohibited. Aware, however, that a small percentage of students do use such substances, and that they may continue to do so, the University recommends the following actions on the part of its constituents to address the issue.

I. Coordination of Campus Efforts

It is recommended that a Task Force on Substance Abuse be established on each campus, appointed by and responsible to the Dean of Students. Representation on the task force will include the campus health service, the counseling service, the athletic department, the campus ministry, the housing office, the student disciplinary system, the campus police, the student body and the faculty.

The mission of the campus task force will be to oversee the development and implementation of alcohol and drug-abuse education and prevention policies and programs. The members of the task force may call upon others in the campus community or outside consultants for advice or help as necessary in the fulfillment of their goals. Faculty, staff and students (particularly those employed in the residence halls), where possible, should be instructed to identify and respond to problems related to substance abuse.

II. Campus Alcohol Policies

Each campus will have an explicitly stated policy regarding the possession, distribution and consumption of alcoholic beverages on its premises. This statement should be published and promulgated so that all members of the university community are aware of its proscriptions and penalties. While the documents will differ from campus to campus, it is expected that they will discourage the abuse of alcoholic beverages by students and that the conditions under which such beverages may be consumed, if any, will be specifically stated.

III. Drug Policies

The possession, distribution and consumption of illicit drugs, and the abuse of prescription and over-the-counter drugs and anabolic steroids, are prohibited as stated in the University-wide guidelines which are implemented on the campuses and detailed in the Student Handbooks. In addition to the penalties which may be imposed by campus authorities, criminal prosecution may also be initiated.

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