



RESOLUTION

concerning

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE  
CENTER FOR SOCIAL RESEARCH  
at  
CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

June 12, 1992

WHEREAS, Instruction, research, and public service are interconnected elements of the mission of the Connecticut State University system, and

WHEREAS, Applied research activities such as demographic studies, organizational analyses, public opinion surveys, and needs assessments extend the range of learning experiences for students in social science and other disciplines, and

WHEREAS, Applied social research activities conducted by faculty and students will not only extend and strengthen instructional opportunities and provide a vehicle for the development of research skills, but also will provide valuable public service for municipalities, state and regional agencies, school districts, and other organizations, and

WHEREAS, The President of Central Connecticut State University has recommended the establishment of a Center for Social Research to conduct applied social research activities, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Center for Social Research is established as an organized research and service unit at Central Connecticut State University to support applied social research and service activities of faculty, professional staff, and students including related scholarly activities such as conferences and publications, and be it

RESOLVED, That the Center for Social Research may seek and receive contracts and grants from municipalities and other levels of government, regional agencies, community organizations, and other public and private organizations and may charge fees for services related to the functions stated above provided that all applicable state and University regulations are observed, and be it

RESOLVED, That all funds received by the Center shall be deposited in a Center account in the Research Foundation Fund at Central Connecticut State University (except that Federal Funds shall



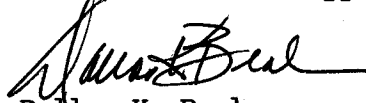
be deposited in Center accounts as provided in Trustees Resolution 92-34 of April 3, 1992) and such funds shall be used for the purposes of the Center and appropriate University support functions only, and be it

RESOLVED, That the activities of the Center shall be under the supervision of the Dean of Arts and Sciences or his or her designee and in this as in other matters the Dean of Arts and Sciences shall report to the Vice President for Academic Affairs, and be it

RESOLVED, That the President of Central Connecticut State University shall cause the Center for Social Research to be evaluated every three years and shall submit a report on Center operations to the Board of Trustees on September 1, 1995 and every three years thereafter, which report shall include a recommendation for the continuance or discontinuance of the Center, and be it

RESOLVED, That the Center for Social Research at Central Connecticut State University shall go out of existence on December 31, 1995, unless the Board of Trustees acts to the contrary.

A Certified True Copy



Dallas K. Beal  
President

Worksheet:  
Central Connecticut State University  
**THE CENTER FOR SOCIAL RESEARCH**

1. Name of Proposed Unit:

The Center for Social Research  
at Central Connecticut State University

2. Brief Description of Purpose:

The Center will offer students and faculty members opportunities to apply their academic experience to real-world environments through cooperative ventures with governmental and other non-profit or public interest institutions. Faculty members in the School of Arts and Sciences (and from other schools as appropriate) will serve as primary investigators, responsible for designing and directing specific applied research projects in collaboration with the sponsoring agencies. Student involvement will vary with the project, but may range from designing the research under faculty supervision to simple data entry and other routine tasks. Projects currently under consideration or underway include a project evaluating local drug prevention programs, public opinion surveys for the media, data gathering for state agencies, and the New Britain Vision 2000 Project, a long-term community effort to plan for the city's future.

The Center for Social Research will perform applied social research for municipalities, non-profit organizations, and community organizations generally within the Central Connecticut region. It is expected that most of this research will be funded by contractual arrangements with the sponsoring organization, and that a small number of projects may be carried out on a pro bono basis.

The goal of the Center for Social Research is to become primarily self-sustaining over the first three years of its operation. It is anticipated that Center operational fees will be covered by costs assessed to each funded project.

3. Administration of the Proposed Unit:

The Center will be under the direct supervision of a faculty member (currently, Antonia C. Moran, Assistant Professor of Political Science) who, in turn, will report to the Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences. There will be an Advisory Committee which includes the heads (or their designees) of the Political Science, Sociology, Anthropology, Geography, History, Communication, English, Psychology and Economics Departments and representatives from the Schools of Business, Education and Professional Studies, and Technology.

#### 4. Personnel Required for Operation:

The administrative tasks of the Center will be performed by its director who will receive such reassigned time as approved by the Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences and the President, typically three hours a semester unless additional hours are assigned to a contract or project. A half-time University Assistant will be responsible for maintaining computer hardware and software capabilities, assisting in the technical aspects of on-going research projects, providing professional-level assistance in designing and carrying out research projects, supervising students, and assisting the director to coordinate with both on-campus and external entities.

Each project will have a project director, usually the principal investigator. Student assistants will be paid for from contract funds when possible, with some use of other student labor and/or work study funds.

#### 5. Physical Space:

The Center for Social Research will be located in Room 209, DiLoreto Hall. This room has just been renovated to accommodate the Center. Sufficient equipment is available for the Center's initial projects, although it is anticipated that the computer facilities will soon need to be substantially modernized and expanded.

#### 6. Anticipated Operating Budget of Proposed Unit:

To the extent possible these expenses will be recovered from grant proposals: the Center is intended to become primarily self-supporting.

	<u>1991-1992</u>	<u>1992-1993</u>
Supplies	\$ 400	\$ 500
Other Expenses	600	700
Duplicating	300	350
Equipment <sup>1</sup>	0	0
Postage	800	900
Student Help	500	500
University Assistant <sup>2</sup>	5,000	7,500
Faculty Travel	0	500
Director's Salary <sup>3</sup>	2,007	2,676

#### Notes:

<sup>1</sup>The cost for up-dating and expanding computer hardware and software capabilities will be recovered from contracts.

<sup>2</sup>This figure will vary with the extent of subsidy by contract funds.

<sup>3</sup>Assumes a 3 load credit summer salary, but does not include any salaries for winter session. Additional compensation may become necessary but every attempt will be made to recover the costs from contracts.

## 7. Evaluation of Research Center

By the end of each summer session, the director will submit an annual report of the Center activities to the Dean, School of Arts and Sciences, who will evaluate the Center and submit a report to the President through the Vice President for Academic Affairs. The President's report will be submitted to the Board of Trustees by September 1.

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