



RESOLUTION

designating

PROFESSOR STANISLAUS BLEJWAS  
to fill  
THE ENDOWED POLISH CHAIR  
at  
CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

November 14, 1997

- WHEREAS, Central Connecticut State University has raised non-state funds in the amount of \$600,000 to support the establishment of an endowed chair in Polish Studies, and
- WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System approved an application to the Board of Governors of Higher Education for the establishment of an endowed chair in Polish Studies, and
- WHEREAS, The Board of Governors for Higher Education has approved funding of the endowed chair in Polish studies in the form of a matching grant of \$600,000, and
- WHEREAS, Section 10a-20a of the Connecticut General Statutes provides that the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System shall "select candidates to fill the endowed chair and shall develop a budget for expenditures associated with the chair," and
- WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees has not yet developed a policy of general application which provides the criteria for selection, the procedures for appointment, or the process for approval of a budget for expenditures for an endowed chair, and
- WHEREAS, In order to recognize the extremely generous contributions from the private sector and general support for the creation of the endowed chair in Polish Studies, it is appropriate to fill the endowed chair in Polish Studies at this time, and
- WHEREAS, The endowed chair should be filled by a scholar who has fulfilled the highest ideals of outstanding teaching, scholarly achievement and public service, and
- WHEREAS, The President of Central Connecticut State University, Richard Judd, has recommended that the endowed chair be filled, at no additional compensation, by Stanislaus Blejwas of Central Connecticut State University, who holds the title of Connecticut State University Professor, and

WHEREAS, Professor Blejwas is a prolific writer and speaker, dedicated to the field of Polish Studies, and

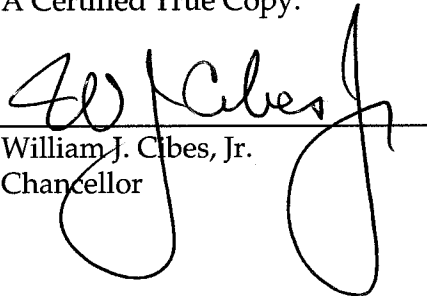
WHEREAS, Professor Blejwas has served CCSU for many years as Director of the Polish Studies Program, which he has built into a model community based academic activity, and

WHEREAS, Professor Blejwas was instrumental in securing the organization and development of the Connecticut Polish American Archives and Manuscript Collection at Central Connecticut State University, and

WHEREAS, Professor Blejwas is an outstanding teacher who inspires students to study topics in depth and with great intellectual care, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System designates Stanislaus Blejwas, Connecticut State University Professor, to fill the endowed chair in Polish Studies at Central Connecticut State University.

A Certified True Copy:

  
William J. Cibes, Jr.  
Chancellor

**ITEM**

Professor Stanislaus Blejwas to fill the Endowed Polish Chair established at Central Connecticut State University

**BACKGROUND**

Under the provisions of Section 10a-20a of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Board of Governors of Higher Education may establish and administer an Endowed Chair Investment Fund. Applications for the establishment of endowed chairs are accepted by the Board of Governors on April 1 and October 1 in each year funds are available.

On March 27, 1997 the Executive Committee of the CSU Board of Trustees approved the request to submit an application for the establishment of an endowed chair in Polish Studies at Central Connecticut State University. This action was later ratified by the Board of Trustees. This application was approved by the Board of Governors for Higher Education on April 15, 1997.

Section 10a-20a also provides that the Board of Trustees "shall select candidates to fill the endowed chair and shall develop a budget for expenditures associated with the chair." The CSU Board of Trustees has not yet developed a policy for filling an endowed chair and will need to do so. However, because of the imminent dedication of this Chair, it is appropriate to fill the Chair at this time.

**ANALYSIS**

President Richard Judd of Central Connecticut State University has recommended that the endowed chair be filled, at no additional compensation, by Dr. Stanislaus Blejwas of Central Connecticut State University.

Dr. Stanislaus Blejwas is a CSU Professor and Director of the Polish and Polish American Studies at Central Connecticut State University. Dr. Blejwas has worked successfully for many years to build the Polish and Polish American Studies at Central Connecticut State University. He has developed a library collection and has created opportunities for fellow faculty members to visit Poland and for visiting scholars to come here. Dr. Blejwas has also created study abroad opportunities for students in Poland. Dr. Blejwas has also developed a range of outreach programs to serve the population as a whole which includes lectures, symposia, concerts, and exhibits. Dr. Blejwas has taken the lead in raising the private funds which have enabled Central to qualify for the state matching grant to establish the Chair.

**CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the recommendation that Dr. Stanislaus Blejwas fill the endowed chair in Polish Studies at Central Connecticut State University.

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Office of the President

October 28, 1997

Dr. William J. Cibes, Jr., Chancellor  
Connecticut State University System  
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Dear Bill:

This is to recommend that Dr. Stanislaus Blejwas be assigned to occupy the Chair of Polish and Polish-American Studies at Central Connecticut State University, effective immediately upon appropriate Board action, and for an indefinite term. As you know, Dr. Blejwas has worked very successfully for many years to build our program in Polish and Polish-American Studies. He has developed not only regular instructional offerings, but also a remarkable library collection and has worked to create opportunities for fellow faculty members to visit Poland and for visiting scholars to come here. He has been responsible for creating study abroad opportunities for students in Poland, and he has created a remarkable range of outreach programs to serve the population as a whole, including lectures, symposia, concerts, and exhibits. In addition to all of this, he has taken the lead in raising the private funds which have enabled us to qualify for a state matching grant to establish the Chair. It is clear that Dr. Blejwas is the only logical choice to hold the Chair.

Since Dr. Blejwas is already a member of the faculty, at the rank of CSU Professor, there will be no immediate impact on the University's operating budget. He will continue to serve at his current salary. Current allocations from the CCSU Foundation to the Polish and Polish-American Studies Program, of which Dr. Blejwas is Director, will continue through the Center for International Education where the Chair will be located. We do not yet have significant income from the state matching grant to allocate to this program although that is anticipated in future years.

Since this is our first Chair, the procedure for assigning someone to it has not been worked out in advance. I am committed to working with you and the Board to develop appropriate procedures for appointment and/or assignment to this Chair and--we hope--to others in the future. Thank you, Bill, for your assistance in this exciting new development in our institutional life.

Sincerely,

Richard L. Judd  
President

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