



RESOLUTION

amending

POLICIES AND PRODECURES
FOR THE GRANTING OF HONORARY DOCTORATES
in the
CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

May 8, 1998

WHEREAS, Current policies and procedures for the granting of honorary doctorates within the Connecticut State University system have been reviewed by the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees and recommendations or changes have been formulated, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Board of Trustees resolution 94-66 of June 10, 1994, is hereby repealed, and be it

RESOLVED, That the attached document, entitled "Policies and Procedures for Granting Honorary Doctorates in the Connecticut State University system, May 8, 1998" is hereby adopted.

A Certified True Copy:

William J. Cibes, Jr.
Chancellor

Policies and Procedures for the Granting of Honorary Doctoral Degrees
in the Connecticut State University

May 8, 1998

The Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University SYSTEM adopts the following document entitled: Procedures for the Granting of an Honorary Doctoral Degree in the Connecticut State University, May 8, 1998.

The purpose of granting honorary doctoral degrees is to honor a person and to advance the work and reputation of the Connecticut State University System.

No person during his or her term as a member of the Board of Trustees and no person during his or her employment by the Connecticut State University System shall be granted an honorary degree. No Connecticut resident holding elective office from a Connecticut constituency and no Connecticut resident holding appointive office in the legislative, executive, or judicial branches of state government shall be considered for an honorary degree during the term of his/her election or appointment and for one year, thereafter.

Honorary degrees shall be granted only when circumstances warrant such action. It is possible that in some years no honorary degree will be awarded.

Identification of potential recipients of honorary doctoral degrees will be made under the supervision of the university president. The president shall be responsible for maintaining the confidentiality of the name of the potential recipient until the process has been concluded and the prospective recipient has agreed to accept the honorary degree.

The university president himself/herself shall forward to the Chancellor of the Connecticut State University System the name of a potential recipient with an explanation as to why the individual merits the honor, a thorough discussion of the potential recipient's background and an assessment of the benefits and possible criticism or controversy which may result from the potential recipient's being granted an honorary doctorate.

The Chancellor of the Connecticut State University System shall present the university president's recommendation to the Academic Affairs Committee together with his or her own recommendation.

Until this point there shall have been no communication either formal or informal with the prospective recipient about the possibility of receiving an honorary degree.

When the Academic Affairs Committee has given its approval to the awarding of the honorary degree, the university president will ask the prospective recipient to communicate privately in writing his or her commitment to accept the honorary degree at a specific place, at a specific time, and at a specific ceremony, and, if requested, the commitment to deliver an address.

When a prospective honorary degree recipient confirms in writing his or her commitment to accept the offered degree at the specified time, place, and ceremony, and if requested, his or her commitment to deliver an address, the nomination will be presented to the full Board of Trustees for confirmation.

All honorary degrees will be conferred by the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees or by a Trustee designated by the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees. Following is the wording to be used when conferring the honorary degree: *"BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME, THE TRUSTEES OF THE CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM CONCURRING, I CONFER UPON YOU THE DEGREE, DOCTOR OF _____ HONORIS CAUSA, AND INVEST YOU WITH ALL THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES PERTAINING THEREUNTO. IN TOKEN THEREOF I HAND TO YOU THE DIPLOMA AND DIRECT THAT YOU BE VESTED WITH THE HOOD APPROPRIATE TO YOUR DEGREE."*

The format of the diploma presented to the recipients of honorary degrees shall be approved by the Trustees. The hood to be worn by the recipients of honorary degrees shall be a design approved by the Trustees.

ITEM

Policies and procedures for the granting of honorary doctoral degrees at Connecticut State University.

BACKGROUND

The granting of honorary doctoral degrees to individuals of distinguished merit is a common practice at the Connecticut State University. The policies and procedures for granting honorary doctoral degrees have been heretofore governed by Board Resolution 94-66. With the advent of new technologies making communication faster and easier, the Trustees have requested certain amendments to the practice to ensure greater confidentiality and to protect all parties involved.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION

Approve revisions to the Policies and Procedures for the Granting of Honorary Doctoral Degrees at Connecticut State University.



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*Corrected
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