



Connecticut State University System

BR#98-73



RESOLUTION

concerning

APPROVAL OF UNIVERSITY MISSION STATEMENT

for

WESTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

December 11, 1998

WHEREAS, The Connecticut State University System mission was approved by the Board of Trustees in December 1997, and

WHEREAS, Throughout 1998 each of the four CSU universities, Central, Eastern, Southern and Western has been working with faculty and staff to develop its own individual mission statement describing its own individual characteristics, and

WHEREAS, The mission statements of Eastern and Southern were approved by the Board in November 1998, and

WHEREAS, Western has now completed the process of university review and approval, therefore let it be

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System approves the university mission statement for Western Connecticut State University as attached.

A Certified True Copy:

William J. Cibes, Jr.
Chancellor

WESTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

Mission Statement

Western Connecticut State University serves as an accessible, responsive and creative intellectual resource for the people and institutions of Connecticut. We strive to meet the education needs of a diversified student body through instruction, scholarship and public service. Western aspires to be a public university of choice for programs of excellence in the liberal arts and the professions by providing full-time and part-time students with the necessary background to be successful in their chosen careers and to be productive members of society. It accomplishes this by emphasizing:

- A strong liberal arts foundation
- Strong skills in communication, problem solving, and critical thinking
- Opportunities for experiential, cooperative, and internship experiences
- A strong background in information technologies
- Interdisciplinary programs
- A strong sense of commitment to public service
- A personalized learning environment

Our mission as a public comprehensive University is given life through the principles and values which guide us.

FULFILLING THE MISSION

Principles

- Empowering students to attain the highest standards of academic achievement, public and professional services, personal development, and ethical conduct is our fundamental responsibility.
- Facilitating learning is our primary function, and it requires that our faculty be active scholars who have a lasting interest in enhancing instruction and that our curriculum be dynamic and include advanced instructional technologies.
- Preparing students for enlightened and productive participation in a global society is our obligation and is best fulfilled by developing the best possible academic programs and learning experiences.
- Promoting a rich and diverse cultural environment that allows freedom of expression within a spirit of civility and mutual respect.
- Strengthening our partnership with the people and institutions of Connecticut is a benefit to both the University and the state, and endows our teaching and scholarship with a special vitality and dedication.

Values

- Quality in all that we do, and a commitment to continuous improvement.
- Integrity in the process of teaching and learning.
- Respect for the dignity and rights of each member of our University community.

ITEM

University Mission Statement for Western Connecticut State University

BACKGROUND

The Connecticut State University mission statement was approved by the Board of Trustees in December 1997. Throughout 1998 the four CSU universities have been working with the faculty and staff in crafting individual mission statements which would define their distinct characteristics within the CSU system.

These mission statements together with the system mission will form the foundation for strategic planning for the CSU universities.

The Board of Governors for Higher Education has recently adopted a five point agenda entitled "Transforming Connecticut Postsecondary Education". One of the "five points" is *Define distinct missions and roles in the public higher education sector to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the public system.*

The university mission statements will be submitted to the Board of Governors for their use in reviewing and approving academic programs offered by CSU.

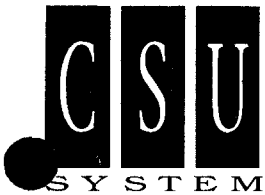
ANALYSIS

The mission statement for Western Connecticut State University was approved by the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board in November. However, President Roach requested that approval by the full Board be delayed until the faculty had an opportunity for further review. That review is expected to be concluded December 9.

Western Connecticut State University defines itself as the "state's public University of choice for programs of excellence leading to success in the professions." The university relies on its strong liberal arts and interdisciplinary programs to provide the foundation to carry out the mission.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION

Approve the mission statement for Western Connecticut State University.



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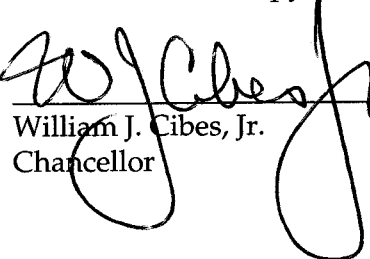
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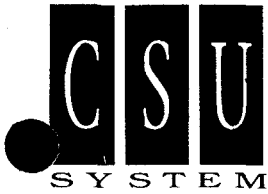
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- RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System approves the university mission statement for ~~Western Connecticut State University and Southern Connecticut State University~~ as attached.

A Certified True Copy:


 William J. Cibes, Jr.
 Chancellor



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February 8, 1999

Dr. Andrew De Rocco
Commissioner
Department of Higher Education
61 Woodland Street
Hartford, CT 06105

Dear Commissioner De Rocco:

Enclosed are the final two university mission statements—Western Connecticut State University, approved by the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System on December 11, 1998, and Central Connecticut State University, approved on February 5, 1999.

Also enclosed is the mission statement for the CSU System which has been slightly revised to better reflect the alignment of the university mission statements and was also approved by our Board on February 5.* The mission statements for Eastern and Southern were forwarded to you in November.

If you have any questions about any of these mission statements, please contact me.

Sincerely,

William J. Cibes, Jr.
Chancellor

Attachments

* (Replaces the CSU Mission Statement approved by the trustees in December 1997, forwarded to you for submission to the Board of Governors, but not yet formally accepted.)