



Connecticut State University System

BR#99-1



RESOLUTION

adopting

THE MISSION STATEMENT

OF THE CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

February 5, 1999

WHEREAS, Section 10a-89 of the Connecticut General Statutes requires the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System to develop the Mission Statement of the University System, and

WHEREAS, The existing Mission Statement of the Connecticut State University System was adopted by the Board of Trustees in its Resolution No. 97-84 on December 12, 1997, and

WHEREAS, Throughout 1998 the four CSU universities have been refining their individual mission statements, and

WHEREAS, OnlineCSU was launched in 1998 initiating CSU's first course delivery system using Internet technology, and

WHEREAS, The system mission statement has been amended to reflect these recent events, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System hereby repeals Board Resolution No. 97-84 and adopts the attached revised Mission Statement of the Connecticut State University System, and be it

RESOLVED, That pursuant to Section 10a-6 of the Connecticut General Statutes the Chancellor of the Connecticut State University System is directed to submit the Mission Statement of the Connecticut State University System to the Board of Governors for Higher Education for its review and appropriate action.

A Certified True Copy:

Lawrence D. McHugh
Chairman

The Mission of the Connecticut State University System

The four comprehensive universities of the CSU System - Central Connecticut State University, Eastern Connecticut State University, Southern Connecticut State University and Western Connecticut State University - are Connecticut's universities of choice for students of all ages, backgrounds, races and ethnicities. CSU provides affordable and high quality active learning opportunities which are geographically and technologically accessible. A CSU education leads to baccalaureate, graduate and professional degrees, and career advancement. CSU graduates think critically, acquire enduring problem solving skills and meet outcome standards which embody the competencies necessary for success in the workplace and in life.

Fulfilling the Mission

CSU fulfills this mission through the focused missions of its universities.

Central Connecticut State University

- is Connecticut's premier learner centered public university with teaching as its focus
- applies knowledge to better the human condition
- provides access and quality for students to reach their full potential

Eastern Connecticut State University

- is Connecticut's public liberal arts university
- provides an intellectual ambiance which develops analytic thinkers, innovative problem solvers and creative learners

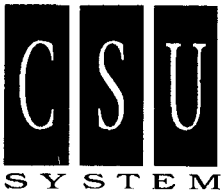
Southern Connecticut State University

- is a preeminent metropolitan university
- offers a learning community that is grounded in a liberal education
- is the lead institution for advanced study in CSU

Western Connecticut State University

- aspires to be the state's public university of choice for programs of excellence in the liberal arts and the professions
- builds all programs around a strong liberal arts foundation
- stresses critical thinking, problem solving, and communication skills for the new millennium.

Creative learning at each university transforms Connecticut into a state of minds.



Connecticut State University System



February 8, 1999

Dr. Andrew De Rocco
Commissioner
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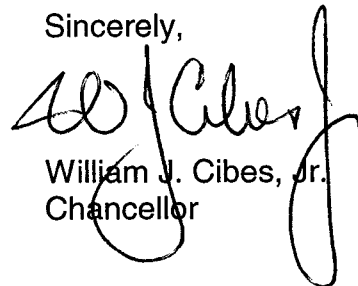
Dear Commissioner De Rocco:

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.)

ITEM

Revisions to Connecticut State University System Mission Statement

BACKGROUND

The statutes charge the Board of Trustees, in part, to develop the mission statement for the Connecticut State University System. (CGS Sect. 10a-89) Pursuant to this authority, the Board adopted a mission statement in 1984, amended it in 1986, and completed two substantial revisions, the first in 1992 and the second in December 1997 (Board Resolution #97-84).

ANALYSIS

As part of the strategic planning effort undertaken by the system in 1996, each of the CSU universities has been working on its own individual mission statement which defines the universities by their distinguishing characteristics. These mission statements were completed and approved for Eastern, Southern and Western in 1998 and Central's statement is expected to be brought to the Board for approval in February 1999.

Also in 1998 CSU launched its first online initiative offering ten courses over the Internet. At the same time the CSU universities are exploring several synchronous and asynchronous alternative methods of course delivery using new technologies.

The system mission statement approved by the Board in 1997 has yet to be formally accepted by the Board of Governors for Higher Education. Therefore it is opportune to make some minor amendments to this mission statement to reflect the events of 1998.

The CSU system mission statement has been revised in the following manner:

- The phrase "technologically accessible" has been added to emphasize that courses offered by CSU are made available to learners in a variety of ways including the Internet and other new technologies.
- The CSU system mission is realized through the "focused mission of its universities" and a summary of these missions is incorporated as part of the system mission statement.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION

Approve the revised Connecticut State University System Mission Statement.