



Connecticut State University System

BR#99-2



RESOLUTION

concerning

APPROVAL OF UNIVERSITY MISSION STATEMENT

for

CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

February 5, 1999

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 worked 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 the mission statement of Western was approved by the Board in December 1998, and

WHEREAS, Central 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 Central Connecticut State University as attached.

A Certified True Copy:

William J. Cibes, Jr.
Chancellor

CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

Mission Statement

Central Connecticut State University is a community of learners dedicated to teaching and to scholarship. We encourage the development and application of knowledge and ideas through research and outreach activities. We prepare students to be thoughtful, responsible and successful citizens.

Fulfilling the Mission

Central Connecticut State University is, above all else, about teaching undergraduate and graduate students. Our research endeavors improve us as teachers and expose our students to methods of inquiry. The public service expected of all members of our community benefits our society—local and global—and builds our sense of citizenship. We value the development of knowledge and its application in an environment of intellectual integrity and open discourse. We expect that members of the university will engage in activities ranging from basic research and the creation of original works, to helping individuals and organizations achieve success in purely practical endeavors. All these activities enrich our community of learners.

As a public university, we receive support from the state of Connecticut. We have two designated Centers of Excellence and many nationally accredited programs. We take very seriously our commitment to provide access to higher education for all citizens in this State who can benefit from our offerings. Our high expectations for ourselves contribute to the fine quality and continuous improvement of our undergraduate and graduate programs. We believe that quality and access are compatible and simultaneously achievable; our objective is to provide the support needed for our students to reach their full potential.

We also believe that higher education should promote the personal and social growth of our students, as well as their intellectual achievement and professional competence. We provide various opportunities for students to engage in activities or to join organizations and clubs where they develop leadership and other social skills. We foster a welcoming environment in which all members of our diverse community receive encouragement, feel safe, and acquire self-confidence.

Vision Statement

Central Connecticut State University aspires to:

- be the premier public comprehensive university in Connecticut, with teaching as its primary focus, enhanced by the dynamic scholarship of its faculty;
- be highly regarded by its many constituents;
- be a significant resource contributing to the cultural and economic development of Connecticut;
- be global in its perspective and outreach; and
- be widely respected as a university dedicated to innovative, activity-based, life-long, and learner-centered higher education.



Connecticut State University System



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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. J. Cibes, Jr.', written over a printed name and title.

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

University Mission Statement for Central Connecticut State University

BACKGROUND

Throughout 1998 the four CSU universities worked 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 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 submitted by Central Connecticut State University President, Richard L. Judd, is undergoing final review by the faculty and favorable action is anticipated prior to the February 5, 1999 meeting of the CSU Board of Trustees.

Central Connecticut State University defines itself as "Connecticut's premier learner centered public university with teaching as its focus." To fulfill its mission, the university encourages, through research and outreach, the development and application of knowledge to prepare students to be responsible citizens and productive members of society.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION

Approve the mission statement for Central Connecticut State University.



CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

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Office of the President

February 2, 1999

Dr. William J. Cibes, Jr.
Chancellor
Connecticut State University System
39 Woodland Street
Hartford, CT 06105

Dear Bill:

Here at last is our Mission Statement! We have had a long dialogue on campus with our University Planning and Budget Committee and with the Senate leadership. The Statement enclosed in this letter has been worked out cooperatively between me and the University Planning and Budget Committee. Yesterday afternoon, it was discussed by the Senate. The Senate approved the substance of the statement. While I appreciate the advice of the Senate in proposing minor stylistic changes, I choose to submit the enclosed statement as passed by the University Planning and Budgeting Committee for submission to the Board of Trustees and the Board of Governors. When the Trustees act, I assume that you will forward the document to the Board of Governors.

Thanks, Bill, to you and to the Board for patience in this matter. It is important to permit all appropriate constituencies on campus to have an opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



Richard L. Judd
President

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