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RESOLUTION

concerning

LICENSURE AND ACCREDITATION

for a

MASTER OF SCIENCE

in

COMPUTER SCIENCE

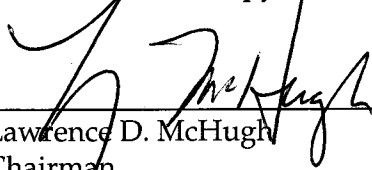
at

SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

April 6, 2000

RESOLVED, That under the authority granted to the Board of Trustees of Connecticut State University in Chapter 185b, Section 10a-87 and 10a-149 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Chancellor of Connecticut State University is authorized to seek licensure and accreditation from the Connecticut Board of Governors for Higher Education for a Master of Science in Computer Science degree to be presented by Southern Connecticut State University.

A Certified True Copy:



Lawrence D. McHugh
Chairman

ITEM

Licensure and Accreditation for a Master of Science Degree in Computer Science at Southern Connecticut State University.

BACKGROUND

The Department of Computer Science at SCSU has offered a BS in Computer Science with an option in the traditional scientific mode as well as one in business applications for a number of years. . The traditional option has been reviewed and accredited by the Computer Science Accreditation Board for more than nine years. A recent Departmental survey revealed substantial interest in an affordable, advanced degree among current students in the BS program. Evidence also exists to support a high level of interest in the degree among adults returning to the workforce or seeking to upgrade their skills. It also is widely known that there is a severe shortage of professionally trained computer specialists in Connecticut and in the region.

ANALYSIS

The MS in Computer Science supports the mission and strategic plan of the University, the School of Communication, Information and Library Science and the Department of Computer Science. The degree also will contribute to the development of Connecticut's high technology workforce and will be welcomed by many corporate entities and organizations in Southern Connecticut. There is a sufficient array of current or planned human, spatial, and intellectual resources as well as equipment to support the offering of the MS degree.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION

Authorize Southern Connecticut State University to seek licensure and accreditation from the Connecticut Board of Governors for Higher Education for a Master of Science degree in Computer Science.