



Connecticut State University System

Developing a State of Minds

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RESOLUTION

concerning

OFF-CAMPUS OFFERINGS IN WATERBURY
by
CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY
and
WESTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

May 5, 2000

WHEREAS, The Connecticut State University System has agreed to cooperate with the University of Connecticut and Naugatuck Valley Community and Technical College to expand educational opportunities in Waterbury in an arrangement encouraged and facilitated by the Department of Higher Education, and

WHEREAS, Western Connecticut State University will play the lead role and proposes initially to offer the upper division portion of the core content of Bachelor's programs in Management and Nursing and Central Connecticut State University proposes initially to offer the upper division of the core content of a Bachelor's degree in Criminology and both institutions propose to build on lower division courses by Naugatuck Valley Community and Technical College and complementary general education courses offered by other CSU institutions and the University of Connecticut, and

WHEREAS, These licensed and accredited degrees and others that may eventually be offered are consistent with the missions of CCSU, WCSU and the CSU system to offer selected undergraduate programs in professional and liberal arts fields to residents of Connecticut to enhance workforce access and the quality of life, and

WHEREAS, Extension of these offerings to Waterbury increases access to cost-effective and high quality CSU's degrees for working adults and others unable or unwilling to commute to or be in residence at the four CSU universities, and

WHEREAS, Central Connecticut State University and Western Connecticut State University have conveyed to the Board of Governors for Higher Education a notice of intent to deliver courses contributing to the programs aforementioned at an off-campus location in Waterbury, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System endorses the actions of CCSU and WCSU in extending academic programs to Waterbury.

A Certified True Copy:

[Handwritten signature of William J. Cibes, Jr.]
William J. Cibes, Jr., Chancellor

**ITEM**

Support for off-campus course delivery in Waterbury by CCSU and WCSU.

**BACKGROUND**

CCSU and WCSU propose to offer courses in Waterbury for utilization in degree programs which hold license and accreditation by the Department of Higher Education and accreditation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges following an agreement between the CSU System, the University of Connecticut and Naugatuck Valley Community and Technical College facilitated by the Department of Higher Education. In view of the limitation to which CSU has agreed to offer only the upper division portion of the core content of these programs, no formal approval of this delivery is sought under the provisions for approval of off-campus programs of the Board of Governors for the Department of Higher Education (DHE) which is required only if fifty percent or more of a program is to be offered.

**ANALYSIS**

Extension of these degrees is consistent with the missions of CCSU, WCSU and the CSU System and seems likely to extend CSU's mission importantly by increasing access to the degrees for working adults and others in the Waterbury area who are unable or unwilling to commute to or establish residential status with one of the four CSU universities.

**CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION**

Support the submission of intentions by CCSU and WCSU to DHE to offer courses in Waterbury.