



Developing a State of Minds

Connecticut State University System

BR#2000-51



RESOLUTION

concerning

PROGRAM MODIFICATION

for a

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN
ELEMENTARY/SPECIAL EDUCATION

at

SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

May 5, 2000

WHEREAS, Southern Connecticut State University currently offers the degree Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education and the degree Bachelor of Science in Special Education under separate licensure by the Board of Governors of Higher Education and meeting separate certification requirements by the Department of Education, and

WHEREAS, The offering of a new joint Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education/Special Education represents a modification to the existing Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education Degree and the termination of the Bachelor of Science Degree in Special Education, and

WHEREAS, The joint degree will enable Southern Connecticut State University to meet the Department of Education's new requirements for certification in Special Education Community which become effective, July 1, 2003 and will add or alter a sufficient number of required courses to require separate review under the Board of Governors approval regulations, and

WHEREAS, The new degree in Elementary/Special Education will prepare students to perform the required competencies in both areas thereby reflecting the latest scholarship and national standards regarding the teaching of students with special learning needs, and

WHEREAS, Provisions are in place for students currently matriculated in the effected programs to complete the degree program in which they have been enrolled, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System approves Southern Connecticut State University's application to the Board of Governors for Higher Education for a program modification leading to a Bachelor of Science Degree and Certification in Elementary/Special Education and terminating the licensure for the Bachelor of Science in Special Education, effective June 30, 2000.

A Certified True Copy:

William J. Cibes, Jr. Chancellor

ITEM

Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary/Special Education at Southern Connecticut State University

BACKGROUND

Southern Connecticut State University proposes a new undergraduate degree in Elementary/Special Education which currently is offered as two separate degrees and to terminate the licensed program in Special Education to meet the new certification requirement for special education by the Department of Education which become effective July 1, 2003. Approval for this degree is sought under the program modification guidelines of the Board of Governors for the Department of Higher Education.

ANALYSIS

Southern Connecticut State University is proposing this collaborative approach to meeting the Education Department's new requirements for certification in special education. Staff analysis and discussion with the Council of Academic Vice Presidents as well as consultation with DHE supports the program modification route as appropriate to formalize the innovative approach SCSU is proposing.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION

Approve SCSU's application for the Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary/Special Education.



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M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: April 24, 2000
TO: Gail Garber
FROM: Bill Cibes *Bill*
RE: The offering of courses by CSU in Waterbury

The attached resolution confirms that the Board of Trustees supports the offering of academic programs by Central and Western in cooperation with the University of Connecticut and Naugatuck Valley Community Technical College.

Ordinarily this action would come through the Academic Affairs Committee and then to the Board for approval. Because the legislative session ends before the next Board meeting, this morning the Executive Committee, in accordance with Board bylaws, acted on behalf of the Board by approving this resolution. This resolution will be ratified by the full Board at the May 5 meeting.



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APPROVED BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 4/24/00



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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:

(To be signed upon ratification on May 5)

William J. Gibes, Jr., Chancellor