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RESOLUTION

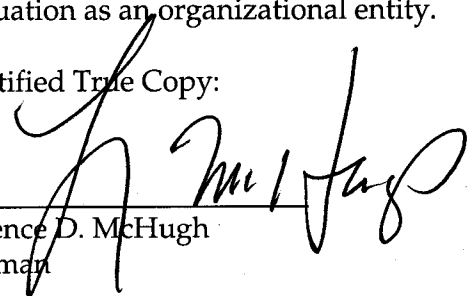
concerning

THE CONTINUATION OF THE CENTER FOR
EDUCATION AND RESEARCH
AT OUTER ISLAND

July 14, 2000

- WHEREAS, The Center for Education and Research at Outer Island was established by the Board in 1995, and
- WHEREAS, During 1995-2000 the Center has responded positively to Mrs. Elizabeth Hird's request to make the island available as a field site to Connecticut State University faculty to conduct education, research, and public service programs on the island, and
- WHEREAS, The Center has been effectively managed in accordance with the guidelines established by the Board of Trustees, therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System authorizes the continuation of the Center for Education and Research at Outer Island under existing guidelines until December 31, 2005, and be it further
- RESOLVED, That the operation of the Center shall be evaluated by the Chancellor of the CSU System before September 1, 2005, who will provide a recommendation to the Board of Trustees as to its continuation as an organizational entity.

A Certified True Copy:



Lawrence D. McHugh
Chairman

ITEM

Continuation of The Center for Education and Research at Outer Island

BACKGROUND

The Center for Education and Research at Outer Island was established by the CSU Board of Trustees in 1995 in BR 95-07 in response to Elizabeth Hird's request to make the island available as a field site to Connecticut State University faculty to conduct education, research, and public service programs on the island. The Island was donated by Ms. Hird to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service with the proviso that the Connecticut State University System be given first option to conduct education, research, and public service programs on the island. During the 1995-2000 period CSU has conducted appropriate activities at the Center under the Guidelines provided in BR 95-07. These Guidelines also require that an evaluation be conducted within five years of the original Resolution.

ANALYSIS

Annual reports submitted by the Co-Coordinator of the Center over the past five years strongly confirm that the Center has responded positively to Ms. Hird's proviso for CSU's involvement on the Island and that the Center has been effectively managed in accordance with the guidelines established by the Board of Trustees. During 1999-2000, 36 groups [812 individuals] visited Outer Island, four research projects were ongoing and two new research projects (of four submitted) were funded for the 2000-01. In addition, two part-time student intern positions were funded for summer 1999 and are being continued three days per week for summer 2000.

The co-coordinators have raised for consideration the need for facilities maintenance, expansion of educational programs and the establishment of funding/endowment for same. Also, a second advisory group, in addition to the "Outer Island Advisory Council" is required under the CSU/DEP agreement and should be appointed once Long Island Sound grant program funds are made available.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION

Approve continuation of the Center for Education and Research at Outer Island through December 31, 2005.