



RESOLUTION

concerning

RATIFICATION
OF THE
TRANSFER OF THE DANBURY ARMORY
FROM THE
CONNECTICUT MILITARY DEPARTMENT
TO THE
CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

October 5, 2000

WHEREAS, In 1993, the Connecticut Military Department declared the Danbury Armory as surplus property, and

WHEREAS, Western Connecticut State University requested the Armory be transferred to their custody, and

WHEREAS, In 1993, the Connecticut Department of Public Works transferred custody of the Armory to Connecticut State University, and

WHEREAS, Operational and maintenance costs have been the responsibility of Western Connecticut State University since 1993, and

WHEREAS, In accordance with Section 4b-11 of the Connecticut General Statutes, only the Board of Trustees for Connecticut State University has the authority to accept transfer of the care, custody and control of real property, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for Connecticut State University ratifies the transfer of the Danbury Armory from the Connecticut Military Department on behalf of Western Connecticut State University.

A Certified True Copy:

William J. Cibes, Jr.
Chancellor

ITEM

Ratification of the transfer of the Danbury Armory from the Connecticut Military Department to the Connecticut State University System.

BACKGROUND

In 1993, the Connecticut Military Department notified the Department of Public Works that they would vacate their armories in Danbury and Torrington. These armories were declared surplus in implementing the Department of Defense's Force Reduction Plan in Connecticut. The Department of Public Works offered the vacated property to other State agencies and Western, subsequently, took possession of the armory.

The Department of Public Works transferred custody of the Armory to Connecticut State University in late 1993. Western has been using the basement for storage and the gymnasium for intercollegiate and recreational activities. In 1999, Western leased 3,200 square feet of office and gymnasium space to the Harambee Center for Youth and Community Services (HCYCS) for a period of five years with an option to renew. In exchange, HCYCS plans to renovate portions of the facility on a volunteer basis and will pay rental fees of \$2,000 per month.

ANALYSIS

The Danbury Armory is located approximately two miles from the Midtown Campus and two miles from the Westside Campus of Western Connecticut State University. It is a three-story structure comprising 35,975 square feet on .5 acres of land and was constructed in 1912. The facility contains a gymnasium, garage, kitchen, dining area, and office space.

In accordance with Section 4b-11 of the Connecticut General Statutes, only the Board of Trustees shall have the supervision, care and control of all property used in connection with its institutions. At the time of the property transfer, the action did not come before the Board of Trustees for approval. Ratification of the transfer of the Danbury Armory on behalf of Western will formalize the previous actions by the Department of Public Works and the Connecticut Military Department.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION

The transfer of the Danbury Armory from the Connecticut Military Department to the Connecticut State University System be ratified.