



Connecticut State University System

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RESOLUTION

concerning

PROGRAM MODIFICATION

FOR A

SPECIALIZATION IN MEDIA ARTS IN THE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ART DEGREE

AT

CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

October 5, 2000

WHEREAS, Central Connecticut State University offers the degree Bachelor of Arts in Art and courses in Media Arts within the Art degree; and

WHEREAS, The offering of a Bachelor of Arts in Art degree with a specialization in Media Arts represents a modification to the existing Bachelor in Arts Degree since it will require the foundation courses expected of all art majors, and

WHEREAS, In addition to a separate professional objective than the Art degree, the Media Arts specialization will include a sufficient amount of required courses to need separate approval under the Board of Governors approval regulations, and

WHEREAS, The new specialization will allow students to focus on electronic-based fine arts media thereby enhancing the students' professional skills and career possibilities, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System approves Central Connecticut State University's application to the Board of Governors for Higher Education for a specialization in Media Arts within the Bachelor of Arts in Art Degree.

A Certified True Copy:

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William J. Cibes, Jr.  
Chancellor

**ITEM**

Bachelor of Arts Degree in Art with a specialization in Media Arts at Central Connecticut State University

**BACKGROUND**

Central Connecticut State University proposes a new undergraduate specialization in Media Arts in which courses currently are offered within the licensed and accredited BA in Art program. Approval for this degree is sought under the program modification guidelines of the Board of Governors for the Department of Higher Education.

In addition to having professional objectives different from the studio specialities within the BA in Art degree, the Media Arts specialization will have a sufficient amount of required courses to require separate approval under the Board of Governors approval regulations. The new specialization in Media Arts will enable students to focus on electronic-based fine arts media thereby enhancing the students' professional skills and career possibilities.

**ANALYSIS**

The Media Arts speciality is an outgrowth and a modification of the existing program in Art and builds on courses currently offered and additional courses that have been developed. The speciality will be added to the six studio specialities within the Art program. The speciality can be provided with existing resources since it relies largely on extant courses, facilities and library holdings. As it is an outgrowth from existing courses within the Art program and utilizes the same foundation courses as other specialities, it is submitted appropriately as a modification to an existing program. This speciality is expected to contribute importantly to workforce development and the demand for persons educated to use computers in the media arts.

**CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION**

Approve CCSU's application for a specialization in Media Arts within the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Art.