

#### Connecticut State University System



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#### RESOLUTION

# concerning

# CONTINUATION OF THE CENTER FOR CARIBBEAN STUDIES

AS

# THE CENTER FOR CARIBBEAN/LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES

AT

# CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

# November 2, 2000

WHEREAS, The Center for Caribbean Studies was established at Central Connecticut State University by Board Resolution 95-71 with a sunset date of December 31, 2000, and

WHEREAS, The President of Central Connecticut State University has evaluated the work of the Center for Caribbean Studies and has recommended its continuation, and

WHEREAS, The President of Central Connecticut State University also supports a change in name to reflect the Center's expanded commitment to scholarship and educational partnership in Latin America, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System authorizes the continuation of the Center for Caribbean Studies as the Center for Caribbean/Latin American Studies at Central Connecticut State University and requires that the President of Central submit a report to the Chancellor of the Connecticut State University System evaluating the performance of the Center and recommending continuance or discontinuance by September 1, 2005, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Center for Caribbean/Latin American Studies at Central Connecticut State University shall go out of existence on December 31, 2005, unless the Board of Trustees acts to the contrary.

A Certified True Copy:

William J. Cibes, Jr., Chancellor

# **ITEM**

Continuation of the Center for Caribbean Studies and its renaming as the Center for Caribbean/Latin American Studies at Central Connecticut State University.

#### BACKGROUND

The Center for Caribbean Studies was established at Central Connecticut State University in 1995 to enhance the commitment of CCSU to be an effective partner with its community and from its mission as a center of excellence in international education.

#### **ANALYSIS**

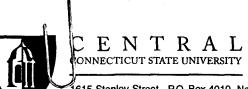
The Center sponsors student exchanges and academic research and activities with affiliated Caribbean universities, community outreach, and Caribbean cultural activities that relate to Caribbean and Latin American societies. The Center also maintains a Caribbean/Latin American Resource Center at Burritt Library.

Activities over the five-year period involved almost 150 students and 30 faculty, as well as community participation exceeding 1000 per year. Student and faculty participation has increased each year of the program.

Future plans include continuation of current activities.

# CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION

Accept the report of the President of CCSU for continuation, including his recommendation to rename as the Center for Caribbean/Latin American Studies, and require an evaluation of the continuing operation of the Center, including a financial report, by September 1, 2005. A sunset date of December 31, 2005 will be in force if the Center is not recommended for continuance.



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August 30, 2000

William J. Cibes, Chancellor Connecticut State University System Office 39 Woodland Street Hartford, CT 06105-2337

Dear Dr. Cibes:

Having reviewed the accompanying "Report to the Board of Trustees" and the annual report of the Center, I am pleased to recommend continuance of the Center for Caribbean Studies at Central Connecticut State University.

I also support the recommendation to change its title to the "Center of Caribbean/Latin American Studies." The name change is indicative of the Center's commitment to scholarship and educational partnerships in the Caribbean and Latin America. The Caribbean/Latin American Studies Center will continue to be an all-university unit.

- > The Center initiates and sponsors student exchanges with Caribbean and Latin American universities maintaining a formal and active relationship with CCSU.
- > The Center sponsors academic research and academic activities that focus on the Caribbean and Latin America.
- > The Center engages in a wide variety of community outreach activities, focusing especially on links that connect elementary and high school students to CCSU.
- > The Center sponsors cultural activities that relate to Caribbean and Latin American societies.
- ➤ The Center initiates and sponsors a variety of student/faculty winter and summer session trips to the Caribbean and Latin America.
- > The Center maintains a Caribbean/Latin American Resource Center in Burritt Library. This Center is always open to all CCSU students and it provides a convenient and well-organized place for students to study, engage in research, host student clubs and faculty forums.

Sincerely,

Richard L. Judd

c: Dr. Bartelt

Dr. Salahu-Din

Dr. Fernandez

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## MEMORANDUM

TO:

William J. Cibes, Chancellor

CSU System Office

FROM:

Richard L. Judd, President

RE:

Center for Caribbean Studies

DATE:

October 2, 2000

A request has come to me from Ronald Fernandez through Hakim Salahu-Din, Acting Director of the Center for International Education, to change the name from the Center for Caribbean Studies to the Center for Caribbean and Latin American studies.

Pearl Bartelt brought this to my attention and we both agree that this name change provides for greater inclusion of important populations both at the University and in the larger community. Please let me know if there is any procedure we need to follow to have this name change become operative.

c: P. Bartelt

H. Salahu-Din

R. Fernandez