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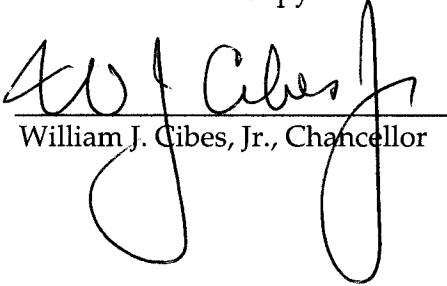
A CENTER FOR AFRICANA STUDIES at CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

February 2, 2001

- WHEREAS, Central Connecticut State University seeks to develop and encourage the study and teaching about Africa, African Americans and people of African descent throughout the Diaspora, and
- WHEREAS, The President of Central Connecticut State University has expressed the desire to establish a Center for Africana Studies at the University, and
- WHEREAS, Central Connecticut State University will use the Africana Center to encourage the development and application of knowledge and ideas through research and outreach, promote and advance a better understanding of the African experience in the United States and Africa, and to develop international support systems for students, community members and scholars of Africana studies, and
- WHEREAS, The objectives of the Africana Center are compatible with the mission of Central Connecticut State University and the Connecticut State University System and with the current strategic plan of CCSU, therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System authorizes the establishment of a Center for Africana Studies at Central Connecticut State University with a director appointed by the President and an advisory board with membership as stipulated in the proposal and approved by the President, and be it further
- RESOLVED, That the President of Central Connecticut State University shall cause the Center for Africana Studies to be evaluated in terms of specific objectives by qualified persons and shall report the results of this evaluation to the Chancellor of the CSU System on September 1, 2006 who in turn shall share the evaluation with the Board of Trustees, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Center for Africana Studies shall go out of existence on December 31, 2006, unless action to the contrary is taken by the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System.

A Certified True Copy:



William J. Gibes, Jr., Chancellor

ITEM

Establishment of a Center for Africana Studies at CCSU

BACKGROUND

Africa and the African Diaspora have been marginalized in Western and, especially, in US history. A Center for Africana Studies at CCSU would develop and encourage the study and teaching about Africa, African Americans and people of African descent throughout the Diaspora. The University is at a critical juncture in terms of linking various programs into a single center

ANALYSIS

The President of Central Connecticut State University has expressed the desire to establish a Center for Africana Studies as an organized unit at the University with a director appointed by the President and an advisory board with membership approved by the President. The Center, including student scholarships, a materials resource center, faculty development, community events, and a unique archaeology laboratory, will be supported by university funds, but external funding for specific projects may be sought.

The University will use this Center to promote a better understanding of the African experience in the Diaspora, to develop and encourage scholarship among faculty and about African Americans and Africans, to teach university students and community members about Africa and people; of African descent, and to develop international support systems for students, community members and scholars of Africana Studies. The objectives of the Center are compatible with the mission of Central Connecticut State University and the Connecticut State University System and with the current strategic plan of CCSU. The founding of this Center establishes CCSU as a major center of Africana Studies in Connecticut and in the Northeast region.

The Center for Africana Studies meets the criteria necessary to establish it as a special entity in accordance with Board policy. The director of the Center will evaluate and report annually to the President of the university on the Center's programs, services and activities, and its fiscal well being. This report will also be shared with the Chancellor of the Connecticut State University System.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION

Approve the establishment of the Center for Africana Studies at CCSU with a sunset date of December 31, 2006, if the Center is not recommended for continuation.