



Connecticut State University System

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RESOLUTION

establishing

THE CENTER FOR COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL  
ACTION RESEARCH  
at  
SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

October 4, 2001

WHEREAS, The School of Education at Southern Connecticut recognizes the necessity for an action-oriented research and evaluation approach to improve program implementation and assess program impact in the public schools, and

WHEREAS, The Center for Community and School Action Research (CCSAR) will involve SCSU faculty and students in research and evaluation activities in communities and schools, and

WHEREAS, The CCSAR will facilitate research activity and provide expertise to Connecticut communities and schools in such areas as teaching, learning, safety and health in schools; academic development of students; and improvement of school climate and community relations, and

WHEREAS, CCSAR will inform educational and child development practices and policies and will contribute to the improvement of teaching and learning in schools, and

WHEREAS, The objectives and strategies of the Center support the major goals for Southern Connecticut State University, and

WHEREAS, The Center will have sufficient staffing and budgetary support to carry out its objectives and strategies, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System hereby authorizes the establishment of the Center for Community and School Action Research at Southern Connecticut State University, and be it further

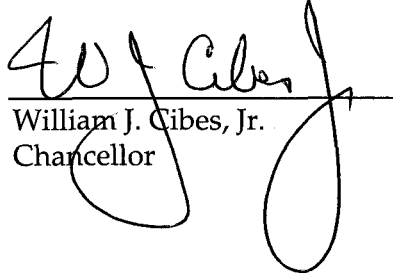
RESOLVED, That the Center for Community and School Action Research may seek and receive contracts and grants from public and private organizations and may charge fees for services related to the purposes stated above provided that all applicable state and University regulations are observed, and be it further

RESOLVED, That all funds received by the Center for Community and School Action Research shall be deposited in the Operating Fund at Southern Connecticut State University in accounts established for this Center. Such funds shall be used for the purposes of this Center and appropriate University support functions rendered to the Center, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the President of Southern Connecticut State University is directed to periodically evaluate the functioning of the Center for Community and School Action Research in terms of its effectiveness, and shall no later than September 1, 2006 report the results of the evaluation with a recommendation to the Chancellor of the CSU System who in turn shall share this information with the Board of Trustees, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Center for Community and School Action Research 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:

  
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William J. Cibes, Jr.  
Chancellor

**ITEM**

Establishment of the Center for Community and School Action Research at SCSU

**BACKGROUND**

A Community and School Action Research Group was founded at Southern Connecticut State University in 1998 and has been engaged in teaching research design, providing faculty development, and conducting action and investigative research. The University has expressed the desire to establish a formal Center for Community and School Action Research as an organized unit at SCSU, with a director appointed by the President and an advisory board with membership approved by the President.

**ANALYSIS**

The Center for Community and School Action Research will fulfill the need for an action-oriented research and evaluation approach to improve community and school-based programs and to assess program impact. A Community and School Action Research Group has been functioning along these lines since 1998, with SCSU faculty offering research methodology courses, receiving grants to evaluate school programs in Connecticut, and conducting research studies. The Center also will provide research and mentoring support to SCSU's teacher preparation and Education Leadership programs, and can also serve any discipline that requires a clinical practice component. This Center exhibits the potential for an expanded statewide emphasis, and beyond, providing merited visibility for the University and its faculty.

The goals and objectives of the Center are compatible with the mission and goals of Southern Connecticut State University and the Connecticut State University System and with the current strategic plan of SCSU. The proposal provides for appropriate staff, physical space and fiscal support. Additional funding from outside sources will be used to expand the scope of the Center's services beyond its basic objectives.

In accordance with Board policy and precedent, the request for this Center is sufficiently supported by programmatic and budgetary justifications with provision for a sunset date of five years unless the president of the university recommends its continuation. This proposal meets these conditions

**CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the establishment of the Center for Community and School Action Research with a sunset date of December 31, 2006, if the Center is not recommended for continuation.