

RESOLUTION

concerning

APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT W. FIONDELLA
AS
DISTINGUISHED BUSINESS EXECUTIVE IN RESIDENCE
AT
EASTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

November 8, 2001

WHEREAS, Mr. Robert W. Fiondella, a distinguished business executive, will be offering occasional but highly significant contributions to the students and faculty at Eastern Connecticut State University during the 2001-2002 academic year and will bring a rich array of business experience and knowledge to this role, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fiondella is recognized for his outstanding accomplishments and leadership during his business career at many major multi-national corporations, especially his role as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of The Phoenix Companies, Inc., and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fiondella serves as an example of a civic-minded business executive for his numerous civic contributions and leadership for events and projects benefiting major non-profit organizations, and

WHEREAS, BR#82-120 authorizes the Board to award the title "in Residence" to persons of established reputation in their chosen field who seem likely to make significant contributions to the instructional programs of CSU institutions, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fiondella is eminently qualified for this award and has agreed to serve without compensation and the University is in compliance with the "honorary" and limited term nature of these appointments as stipulated in BR#82-120, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Mr. Robert W. Fiondella be named Distinguished Business Executive in Residence by Eastern Connecticut State University for the 2001-2002 academic year.

A Certified True Copy:

William J. Cibes, Jr., Chancellor

ITEM

The Appointment of Robert W. Fiondella as Distinguished Business Executive in Residence at Eastern Connecticut State University

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Pursuant to Board Resolution #82-120, the "In Residence" title may be awarded to individuals of established reputation in their chosen field who make significant contributions to the instructional programs of Connecticut State University by spending limited periods of time in residence at the university. The appointment to such title is honorary in character and is not usually accompanied by any compensation, emolument, or perquisite.

Mr. Robert W. Fiondella, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Phoenix Companies, Inc., will be in residence at Eastern Connecticut State for the 2001-2002 Academic Year, offering contributions to students and faculty through his rich array of business experience and knowledge.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Mr. Robert W. Fiondella be appointed as Distinguished Business Executive in Residence at Eastern Connecticut State University for the 2001-2002 Academic Year.



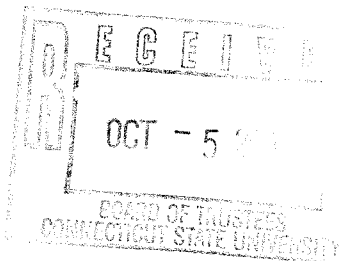
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Office of the President

October 3, 2001



Dr. William J. Cibes, Jr.
Chancellor
Connecticut State University
39 Woodland Street
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Re: Distinguished Executive in Residence

Dear Dr. Cibes:

I am pleased to recommend to you Mr. Robert Fiondella for the title of "Distinguished Business Executive in Residence" for the Academic Year 2001-2002. Mr. Fiondella has enjoyed a distinguished career at Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company and as a member on the Board of Directors of several major multi-national corporations. He will bring to Eastern and the surrounding business community experiences in executive management in the for-profit and non-profit business sectors.

The nomination of Mr. Fiondella was proposed by the Department of Economics at Eastern Connecticut State University and endorsed by Dr. Patricia A. Kleine, Dean of the School of Education and Professional Studies, and Dr. Dimitrios Pachis, Vice President for Academic Affairs. Please find enclosed a brief biography outlining Mr. Fiondella's accomplishments.

Sincerely,

David G. Carter
President

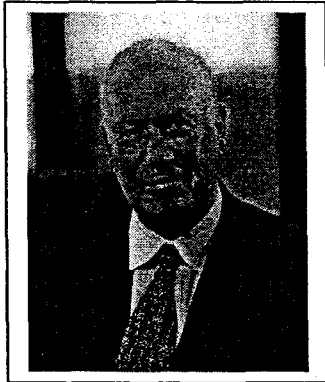
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Enclosure

cc: Dr. Dimitrios S. Pachis, Vice President for Academic Affairs
Dr. Patricia A. Kleine, Dean of the School of Education and Professional Studies



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ROBERT W. FIONDELLA
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
The Phoenix Companies, Inc.

Robert W. Fiondella is chairman and chief executive officer of The Phoenix Companies, Inc., a position he has served in since 1994.

Mr. Fiondella joined the Law Department of Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company in 1969, advanced through several promotions to vice president and general counsel in 1978, and became senior vice president and general counsel in 1981. He was named executive vice president in 1983. Mr. Fiondella was elected president of Phoenix Mutual and a director of the company in 1987. He was elected chief operating officer of the company in 1989 and an organizational change in 1991 resulted in lines of business reporting to him. On July 1, 1992, upon the merger of Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company and Home Life Insurance Company, he was elected president and principal operating officer of Phoenix Home Life Mutual Insurance Company. On February 28, 1994, Mr. Fiondella was elected chairman, president and chief executive officer. In addition, he is a director and officer of a number of Phoenix's subsidiaries.

Mr. Fiondella earned his bachelor's degree at Providence College in 1964 and his law degree from the University of Connecticut School of Law in 1968. He is a member of the Connecticut Bar Association.

He is a director of PXRE, Hilb, Rogal & Hamilton Company and NextGen Ventures Inc. He is a former director of Advest, the Barnes Group, Loctite Corporation, Webster Financial, Bristol Mortgage Company, Bristol Savings Bank, and the Life Insurance Council of New York. He was named the Hartford Courant Business Leader of the Year and Entrepreneur of the Year by Ernst and Young, both in 1997.

Mr. Fiondella's civic activities are numerous. He was a driving force leading to Adriaen's Landing, a \$750 million Hartford revitalization project scheduled to break ground in 2001. He is a former chairman of the MetroHartford Chamber of Commerce, co-chair of Hartford Presidential Debate '96 and the Canon GHO Golf Tournament. He was chairman of the successful effort to build the Eastern Regional Little League Center in his home town of Bristol, Connecticut. Mr. Fiondella's company was an official sponsor of the 1995 Special Olympics World Summer Games, a premier sponsor of the 1997 Special Olympics World Winter Games and a Gold Sponsor of the Connecticut Special Olympics team. In 1996, Phoenix became a national charter sponsor of the American Basketball League and regional sponsor of the New England Blizzard. Mr. Fiondella is the 1996 recipient of the Connecticut River Council, Boy Scouts of America Distinguished Citizen Award. He also chaired the 2000 Greater Hartford Heart Walk for the American Heart Association. He has provided leadership for events and projects benefiting the American Cancer Society, the American Paralysis Society, St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center, and Johnson Memorial Hospital.