

# Connecticut State University System

Developing a State of Minds

### RESOLUTION

#### concerning

# THE STATUS OF CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM STUDENTS CALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY

# December 7, 2001

During times when National Guard units and Military Reserve WHEREAS, units may be activated, and WHEREAS, Some members of these National Guard and Reserve units may be currently enrolled as students in the Connecticut State University System, and These students may be unexpectedly called to active duty, prior to WHEREAS, completion of an academic semester, and The Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System WHEREAS, does not wish to have any student called to active duty penalized, either academically or financially, and The refund policy of the Board of Trustees permits the university WHEREAS, Presidents to authorize the refund of fees otherwise designated as withdrawing because non-refundable to students circumstances beyond their control, therefore be it That the President of each university shall ensure that all possible RESOLVED, actions are taken to allow these students opportunities to

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complete their course work for the semester involved.

## **ITEM**

Policy Statement on the Status of CSU Students Called to Active Duty

#### BACKGROUND

For many years the Refund Policy of the Board of Trustees has included a provision permitting the president of each university to authorize the refund of fees otherwise designated as non-refundable to students withdrawing because of circumstances beyond their control.

In 1990, the Board passed a resolution restating this policy and indicating that the trustees also did not wish students called to active duty during the Persian Gulf Crisis to be academically penalized.

### **ANALYSIS**

As a result of the terrorists' attack on the United States on September 11, 2001, National Guard and Military Reserve units were activated. The presidents utilized the portion of the Board policy on refunds addressing unusual circumstances to ensure CSU students called to active duty were refunded fees as appropriate.

In consultation with the presidents and the academic vice presidents, a policy statement is also recommended along the lines of the 1990 policy to make certain that such students are not penalized academically as well. The proposed policy is not specific to a particular action to provide for any future events.

It is not the intent of the Board that this policy statement would be used to address the annual, planned active duty that is part of a National Guard or Military Reserve member's normal obligations.

### CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION

Approve the policy on the Status of CSU Students Called to Active Duty.



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CC:

Subject: RE: draft reso on students called to active duty

Good point - I'll raise it.

"Pernal,Mike (executive vp)" <PERNAL@easternct.edu> on 11/19/2001 08:42:54 AM



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becky: i thought of that as well. however, i didn't say anything, because certain "planned" active duty stints do allow individuals time to pay their fees, finish commitments, etc. i am a little leery of a blanket authorization that might allow students to escape obligations of fees or finishing assignments when there is time to do so.

for example, i had 10 months to play around before i had to go on active duty. when i realized i was going in in late september, i didn't bother to take any courses for that term.

thanks. mp

----Original Message----

From: Rebecca Amberg [mailto:ambergr@sysoff.ctstateu.edu]

Sent: Monday, November 19, 2001 8:40 AM

To: Pernal, Mike (executive vp)

Subject: Re: draft reso on students called to active duty

The Academic VPs made one suggestion at their meeting on Friday and that is not to limit to "times of emergency" but to broaden it by simply eliminating that statement from the title and in the first Whereas.

Thanks for bringing this to our attention.

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"Pernal, Mike (executive vp)" < PERNAL@easternct.edu> on 11/19/2001 08:04:16

To: Rebecca Amberg/ChancOff/CSUSO@CSUSO

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Subject: draft reso on students called to active duty

i have reviewed the draft resolution and believe that it addresses both the issue of refunds and of individual campus arrangements for students to complete work. thanks. mp