

Connecticut State University System



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RESOLUTION

establishing

THE INSTITUTE FOR MUNICIPAL AND REGIONAL POLICY

at

CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

April 4, 2002

- WHEREAS, The legislature has terminated funding for the Connecticut Institute for Municipal Studies, and
- WHEREAS, Central Connecticut State University recognizes the urgency for continued long-range planning and policy development on a regional scale, and
- WHEREAS, The proposed Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy will provide a forum for the study, research and discussion of regional problems among interested parties and plan for their solution, and
- WHEREAS, To further the aims of the Institute, the President of Central Connecticut State University will appoint an advisory board representing leaders of the General Assembly's Committees on Finance, Revenue and Bonding and on Appropriations, municipal officials, and a diverse group of organizations concerned with municipal and regional policy, including but not limited to the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities, the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education, the Connecticut Education Association, the Connecticut Federation of Educational and Professional Employees, and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, and
- WHEREAS, The objectives and strategies of the Institute support the major goals for Central Connecticut State University, and
- WHEREAS, The Institute will have sufficient staffing, physical space and budgetary support to carry out its objectives, therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System hereby authorizes the establishment of the Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy at Central Connecticut State University, and be it further

- RESOLVED. That the Institute 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 Institute shall be deposited in the Operating Fund at Central Connecticut State University in accounts established for this Institute. Such funds shall be used for the purposes of this Institute and appropriate University support functions rendered to the Institute, and be it further
- RESOLVED, That the President of Central Connecticut State University is directed to periodically evaluate the functioning of the Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy in terms of its effectiveness, and shall no later than September 1, 2007 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 should continuing legislative appropriations not materialize, the authorization of the Institute will automatically return to the Board of Trustees Academic Affairs Committee for further consideration, and be it further
- RESOLVED, That the Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy shall go out of existence on December 31, 2007, unless action to the contrary is taken by the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System.

A Certified True Copy:

William J. Cibes, Jr.

Chancellor

ITEM

Establishment of the Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy at Central Connecticut State University

BACKGROUND

Until this year, the state legislature has funded the Connecticut Institute for Municipal Studies (CIMS). The termination of this funding would leave a void for an entity that could assist local units of government and citizens groups address long-range planning and policy development and effectively solve common problems through regional cooperation. The legislature asked if The Center for Public Policy and Practical Politics at CCSU would establish of a new Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy to continue the work of the defunct CIMS.

ANALYSIS

The proposal describes how the Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy will continue the work of the legislatively funded CIMS. All assets of the former Center will be transferred to the new Institute (at this time, a bill to this affect is pending) and continued legislative support will be pursued. Key objectives described in the proposal are germane to the purpose of the Institute and the mission and goals of the Center and the University.

The Institute will provide a forum for the discussion of regional problems, facilitate agreements among governmental units, including the pooling of resources for efficiency and make information technology available and accessible for citizen and organizational participation in emerging opportunities. This Institute could become a vital resource and provide statewide visibility for the Center and the university.

In accordance with Board policy and precedent, the proposal provides for programmatic justification as well as appropriate staff, physical space and fiscal support by the university. An advisory board shall be established, with members chosen by the university president, the governor and legislative leadership. The proposal also provides for assessment and evaluation of the institute on a regular basis, with the provision of a sunset date in five years, unless the president of the university recommends its continuation.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION

Approve the establishment of the Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy at Central Connecticut State University with a sunset date of December 31, 2007, if the Institute is not recommended for continuation. An earlier report may be requested by the Board if funding by the Legislature, originally appropriated to CIMS, is not continued for this Institute.



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Rebecca Amberg on 04/05/2002 09:20 AM

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cc:

Subject: Re: amended resolution on the CCSU institute

One more time - see Bill's insertion below for clarity. It's my understanding that the matter of the transfer of existing funds is probably going to happen but the issue is whether it will be continued.

WHEREAS, That should **continuing** legislative appropriations not materialize the authorization of the Institute will automatically return to the **Board of Trustees** Academic Affairs Committee for further consideration,

TheDoyleGr@aol.com on 04/04/2002 05:39:49 PM



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Subject: Re: amended resolution on the CCSU institute

Not exactly, Becky. I'd rather that should the legislative appropriation NOT materialize that the authorization of the Institute automatically return to the AA Committee for further consideration. John

