

RESOLUTION

concerning

THE USE OF OPERATING FUNDS  
BY  
CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY  
TO REPAIR THE WEST PORTICO  
OF  
DAVIDSON HALL

October 3, 2002

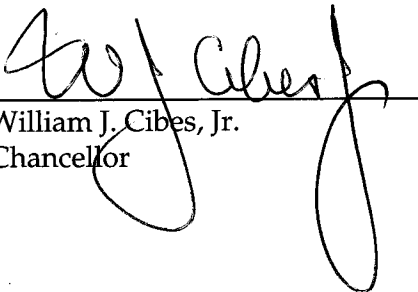
WHEREAS, Lawrence J. Davidson Hall was constructed in 1922 as the primary administrative and academic building of the university, and

WHEREAS, The west portico is in serious disrepair requiring replacement of the marble steps, brick pavers and structural base, and

WHEREAS, The university has developed a construction project and received bids to perform the work, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That Central Connecticut State University is authorized to use up to \$300,000 in operating funds to effect refurbishment of the west portico base of Davidson Hall.

A Certified True Copy:

  
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William J. Cibes, Jr.  
Chancellor

**ITEM**

The use of operating funds by Central Connecticut State University to repair the west portico of Davidson Hall.

**BACKGROUND**

Lawrence J. Davidson Hall was constructed in 1922 as the only administrative and academic building of the university. As part of the 1998/99 master plan, a building condition survey undertaken by an architectural/engineering consultant determined that the facility was in fair to poor condition. Recent renovations to the facility have included code upgrades to the Thaddeus Torpe Theatre and slate roof replacement. The building is not scheduled for major renovation until 2008 as outlined the 1999 Master Plan and 2002 Five-Year Facilities Plan.

**ANALYSIS**

The west portico flooring and steps are showing serious signs of deterioration. The floor of the portico is brick with mortar joints; however, mortar becomes displaced each winter when water penetrates the mortar joints. In addition, due to unstable earth below the column base, one of the columns has settled by approximately two inches and needs to be realigned into its original position to avoid structural impact to the portico roof structure. This project provides for replacement of the marble steps and brick pavers, installation of a new structural slab, realignment of one column, and cleaning of the marble columns and marble façade under the portico. Work also includes the installation of new granite sidewalks surrounding the portico.

Two bids for the project were received on August 9, 2002 and the lowest qualified submittal was in the amount of \$291,632. The university would like to retain an additional \$8,368 as construction contingency for an overall construction cost of \$300,000.

**CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the utilization of up to \$300,000 in operating funds by Central Connecticut State University to repair the west portico of Davidson Hall.