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## **RESOLUTION**

concerning

# RELINQUISHMENT OF CUSTODY AND CONTROL OF NATHAN HALE HALL AT EASTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

#### December 12, 2003

- WHEREAS, Section 4b-21(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes, authorizes the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University System to transfer to the Department of Public Works custody and control of any land, improvement to land, or interest in land belonging to the State of Connecticut, which land, improvement or interest is no longer needed by the Board; and
- WHEREAS, Eastern Connecticut State University has declared that it no longer has a need for the property known as Nathan Hale Hall and located in Willimantic, Connecticut; and
- WHEREAS, Eastern Connecticut State University has relocated all of its staff and removed all of its equipment from the property; therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System hereby authorizes the Chancellor of the Connecticut State University System to relinquish custody and control of Nathan Hale Hall at Eastern Connecticut State University, Willimantic, Connecticut, to the Department of Public Works.

A Certified True Copy:

Lawrence D. McHu

Chairman

#### ITEM

Relinquishment of custody and control of Nathan Hale Hall at Eastern Connecticut State University.

### BACKGROUND

Nathan Hale Hall was constructed in 1925 on the site of the former Young's Hotel in downtown Willimantic and was also the site of the Nathan Hale Bottling Company during prohibition. Eastern Connecticut State University (ECSU) acquired it in 1968 and initially used it as a freshman residence hall. In 1978, after the Providence College fire, Nathan Hale was closed as a residence hall and used for storage. In 1988, the Maintenance Department, Buildings and Grounds, Mail Room and Capital Projects staff were relocated to the building to allow administrative staff to occupy the maintenance building on the northern edge of ECSU's main campus. Upon completion of the new Fred Gelsi/Les Young building in 2002, administrative staff located in the Maintenance Building were relocated to the newly completed building. Later that year, all remaining staff located in Nathan Hale Hall was relocated to the vacated space in the Maintenance Building. In addition, the university has recently completed relocation of all of its equipment and storage to other facilities on campus. The building is situated on 0.5 acres, comprises 34,778 square feet, has a one-story garage structure located behind the main building and is located approximately .25 miles from the southernmost part of the campus.

#### ANALYSIS

ECSU has declared that it no longer needs Nathan Hale Hall and has requested that custody and control be relinquished by the Board. The Board of Trustees under its statutory authority delineated in Section 4b-21 may relinquish custody and control of land, an improvement to land or an interest in land, when it is not needed by a university or the Board. Upon relinquishment of Nathan Hale Hall by the CSU Board of Trustees, the Office of Policy and Management will be notified that the building and the land it is situated upon can be transferred to the Department of Public Works for disposition in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 4b-21.

#### CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION

Relinquish custody and control of Nathan Hale Hall at Eastern Connecticut State University in downtown Willimantic.