



Developing a State of Minds

Connecticut State University System

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RESOLUTION

establishing

THE CENTER FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE AND
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

at

CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

March 5, 2004

WHEREAS, Central Connecticut State University recognizes the need to coordinate various internally funded activities and provide resources related to faculty professional development, and

WHEREAS, The goals and objectives of the Center for Teaching Excellence and Leadership Development support increased visibility and long-range planning for professional development activities in teaching, the assessment of student learning outcomes and faculty leadership, and

WHEREAS, The proposed Center will promote such programs and activities and enhance CCSU's involvement in professional organizations that support such activities, and

WHEREAS, The Center 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 a Center for Teaching Excellence and Leadership Development at Central Connecticut State University, and be it further

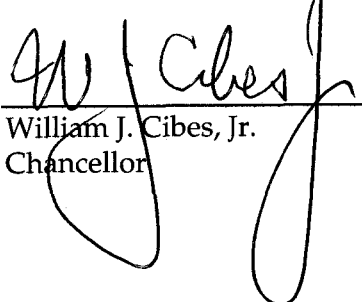
RESOLVED, That the Center may seek and receive contracts and grants from public and private organizations and may charge fees for services related to the purposes stated above provided that all applicable state and university regulations are observed, and be it further

RESOLVED, That all funds received by the Center shall be deposited in the Operating Fund at Central Connecticut State University in accounts established for this Center and shall be used for the purposes of this Center and appropriate University support functions rendered to it, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the President of Central Connecticut State University is directed to periodically evaluate the functioning of the Center for Teaching Excellence and Leadership Development in terms of its effectiveness and fiscal solvency, and shall no later than September 1, 2009 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 the Center for Teaching Excellence and Leadership Development at Central Connecticut State University has a sunset date of December 31, 2009, 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 a Center for Teaching Excellence and Leadership Development at Central Connecticut State University

BACKGROUND

In the past decade, the teaching excellence forum at Central Connecticut State University has provided funding opportunities for faculty growth and professional development. With the increased involvement of university faculty in consortia emphasizing improvement in teaching and assessment of student learning outcomes and the increase in the different sources to support faculty professional development, the current forum cannot coordinate the expanded activities. President Judd has recommended the creation of a Center for Teaching Excellence and Leadership Development to centralize these activities, provide visibility and long-range planning and support scholarship of teaching, faculty development and learning assessment.

ANALYSIS

The stated goals of the Center support the mission of the proposed Center and are tied to the university's mission and goals. Among the six proposed goals, five relate to teaching and learning activities, while the sixth supports faculty leadership. Key among the goals are "support for faculty to study, define and assess the first year experience," a vital component of success, retention and graduation and "support [for] faculty who wish to study...the impact of their teaching on what and how students are learning," another vital component of enabling students to succeed. The objectives to support these goals are manageable within the context of the Center's proposed staff and budget.

In accordance with Board policy, the proposal provides programmatic justification and identifies appropriate staff and physical space. Fiscal support will come from internal faculty development funds and from external grants. A three-year budget and expense analysis has been provided; the second and third year budgets request modest reassigned time for coordination of center activities. Eight faculty currently constitute a steering committee, with the Associate Vice president for Academic Affairs providing administrative liaison. The proposal also provides for assessment and evaluation of the institute on a regular basis that is sustained by faculty participation in the various consortia.

The Center for Teaching Excellence and Leadership Development will go out of existence after five years unless continuation is recommended by the President of Central Connecticut State University by September 1, 2009.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION

Approve the establishment of a Center for Teaching Excellence and Leadership Development at Central Connecticut State University with a sunset date of December 31, 2009, if the Institute is not recommended for continuation.