

Connecticut State University System

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RESOLUTION

CONFERRING THE TITLE

PRESIDENT EMERITUS
WESTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

TO

JAMES R. ROACH, PH.D

June 14, 2004

WHEREAS, James R. Roach will retire on July 31, 2004 after serving as president of Western Connecticut State University for twelve years, and

WHEREAS, Prior to his appointment in July 1992, Dr. Roach served with distinction as President of the University of Maine at Presque Isle for six years, in various leadership positions at North Adams State College in Massachusetts, and as Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Massachusetts Board of Regents, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Roach brought to Western Connecticut State University a style of leadership that focused on the university as a community, created an environment in which scholarship has flourished, and cultivated and strengthened the unique relationship between the Danbury region and the university, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Roach enhanced the academic integrity of the university through the initiation of new programs and centers, including its first ever doctoral program, the opening of a satellite campus in Waterbury and by providing faculty members the opportunity to develop their vision of academic excellence, and

WHEREAS, Under the guidance of Dr. Roach, major gifts and endowments to the university increased significantly and the celebration of its centennial year culminated in the successful completion of its first capital campaign, and

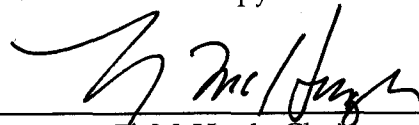
WHEREAS, In addition to his responsibilities as president, Dr. Roach was actively involved in the International Association of University Presidents (IAUP), serving as Chair of the North American Council of IAUP and as the chief representative of IAUP Mission to the United Nations, and

WHEREAS, During his tenure, Dr. Roach guided the unprecedented physical revitalization of Western Connecticut State University with the addition of a major student residence facility and athletic fields on the Westside Campus; construction of two classroom buildings, renovation of the student center and library, acquisition of the administration building and the Roberts Avenue Elementary School; and created a standard for landscaping, tying the Midtown Campus together into a visual whole, therefore be it

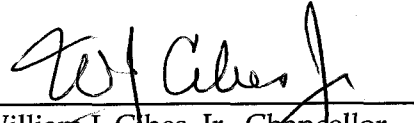
RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System hereby extends its utmost appreciation to James R. Roach for his leadership and outstanding service to the Connecticut State University System, and extends its sincere and heartfelt best wishes for much happiness and success to him and his family in his retirement, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees confers upon James R. Roach the title, President Emeritus of Western Connecticut State University, with all the privileges pertaining thereto, effective July 31, 2004.

A Certified True Copy:



Lawrence D. McHugh, Chairman



William J. Cibes, Jr., Chancellor