



Connecticut State University System

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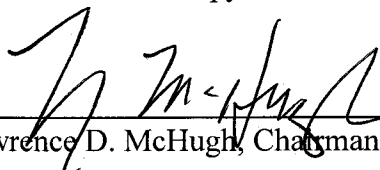


RESOLUTION  
 concerning  
 LICENSURE AND ACCREDITATION  
 of a program in  
 CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT  
 leading to a  
 MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE  
 at  
 CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY  
 November 2, 2006

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System approves Central Connecticut State University's proposal to offer a Master of Science degree program in Construction Management, and be it further

RESOLVED, That under the authority granted to the Board of Trustees for Connecticut State University System in Chapter 185b, Section 10a-87 and 10a-149 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Chancellor of the Connecticut State University System is authorized to seek licensure and accreditation for this program from the Connecticut Board of Governors for Higher Education.

A Certified True Copy:

  
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 Lawrence D. McHugh, Chairman

**ITEM**

Licensure and accreditation of a Master of Science degree program in Construction Management at Central Connecticut State University

**BACKGROUND**

The BS in Construction Management has been offered at CCSU since 2002, however, changes in the profession are causing more construction professionals to treat the Masters degree as the terminal degree in the field. The current Masters level program is in Technology Management with an emphasis on manufacturing and limited emphasis for the construction field. This program has been under development for the past two years in response to demands from both the construction industry and the Connecticut Department of Public Works (DPW). In addition, advanced education requirements are being espoused by professional organizations in the construction management field.

**ANALYSIS**

The master's level program will replace the current construction management track in the Technology Management master's program. The new program comprises 33 credits, including a required capstone research project or comprehensive examination. The proposal provides clear program objectives and learning outcomes; current faculty, equipment and fiscal resources are adequate to support the establishment of the degree.

The program was developed with the support of an industry advisory board, as well as the state DPW. While the proposal has demonstrated occupational demand, most of the students pursuing this degree will be working professionals. Current students in the Construction Management track would form the initial cohort; enrollment growth will be monitored by the department. With appropriate experience, students holding the BS and MS degrees in Construction Management can pursue doctoral level work. Currently, CCSU offers the only bachelors-level program at a public university in the New England region; the master's program would join only 21 other Construction Master's programs, and 22 programs classified as "Aligned Master's Degree Emphasizing Construction," in the nation

**CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the proposal from Central Connecticut State University to offer a Master of Science degree program in Construction Management.