



Connecticut State University System

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RESOLUTION

concerning

CONTINUATION OF THE CENTER FOR COMMUNITY AND
SCHOOL ACTION RESEARCH

at

SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

November 2, 2006

WHEREAS, The Center for Community and School Action Research was established at Southern Connecticut State University by Board Resolution 01-62, and

WHEREAS, The President of Southern Connecticut State University has evaluated the work of the Center for Community and School Action Research and has recommended its continuation, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System authorizes the continuation of the Center for Community and School Action Research at Southern Connecticut State University and requires that the President of Southern submit a report to the Chancellor of the Connecticut State University System evaluating the performance of the Center and recommending continuance or discontinuance by September 1, 2011, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Center for Community and School Action Research at Southern Connecticut State University shall go out of existence on December 31, 2011, unless the Board of Trustees acts to the contrary.

A Certified True Copy:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David G. Carter, Sr." with a large, stylized initial 'D'.

David G. Carter, Sr.
Chancellor

ITEM

Continue the Center for Community and School Action Research at Southern Connecticut State University

BACKGROUND

A Community and School Action Research Group was founded at Southern Connecticut State University in 1998; the Center for Community and School Action Research was officially established by the Board of Trustees in 2001 as an organized unit at SCSU, with a director appointed by the President and an advisory board with membership approved by the President. The Center has been engaged in teaching research design, providing faculty development, and conducting action and investigative research.

ANALYSIS

The Center for Community and School Action Research continues to provide action-oriented research and evaluation to improve community and school-based programs and to assess program impact. SCSU faculty offer research methodology courses, receive grants to evaluate school programs in Connecticut, and conducting research studies. The Center provides research and mentoring support to SCSU's teacher preparation and Education Leadership programs, and serves other disciplines that requires a clinical practice component.

The Center is predominantly self-supporting, with almost \$1million in grants to support action research in Connecticut schools. The Center is also involved in intervention strategies with public schools, seminars at the undergraduate and graduate levels, and investigative research to address issues pertinent to the mission of the Center. The Center supports presentations at local, regional and national professional conferences and preparation of manuscripts for publication in peer-review journals and other sources.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION

Accept the report of the President of SCSU to continue the Center for Community and School Action Research and require an evaluation of the continuing operation of the Center, including a financial report, by September 1, 2011. A sunset date of December 31, 2011 will be in force if the Center is not recommended for continuance.