#### Connecticut State University System



### RESOLUTION

## concerning

# ADVICE OF COUNSEL AND OPINIONS OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

at

### THE CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

### December 8, 2006

- WHEREAS, The Connecticut State University System and its four universities recognize that in order to effectively administer their operations it must seek legal advice as well as comply with applicable state law in doing so, and
- WHEREAS, Section 3.125 of the General Statues sets forth the role of the Attorney General in supervising and providing legal services to all state agencies, and
- WHEREAS, The System has employed individuals with legal training and lawyers to assist with compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements, now therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approve the attached Advice of Counsel and Opinions of the Attorney General Policy at the Connecticut State University System to clearly define the roles of staff and authorize the Chancellor to approve amendments to such policy as may be necessary from time to time, and be it further
- RESOLVED, That in no way shall this Policy limit the authority of the Board of Trustees to set policy for the Connecticut State University System and direct the implementation of such policy through the Chancellor.

A Certified True Copy:

Lawrence D. McHugh

Chairman

# CSUS Policy Regarding Requests for Advice of Counsel and Opinions of the Attorney General

The Attorney General of the State of Connecticut shall serve as the legal advisor to the Connecticut State University System, its constituent universities, and its Board of Trustees.

Formal opinions of the Attorney General shall be requested only by the Chancellor, on behalf of the Connecticut State University System and its constituent universities, or by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, on behalf of the Board. The Chancellor shall advise the presidents of the CSUS universities and the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of formal opinions rendered by the Attorney General in response to such requests.

Informal advice of the Attorney General on matters of System or university application may be requested by the Chancellor, a university president, or a president's designee. Prior to its submission, the Chancellor shall be advised of any such request the response to which may have implications beyond the requesting university. Each university president shall keep the Chancellor apprised of informal advice received from the Attorney General, when appropriate.

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