

## **Connecticut State University System**

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#### RESOLUTION

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# CSUS TRUSTEES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM in the CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

### January 17, 2008

- WHEREAS, Through BR#97-49 of June 1997 the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System authorized each university to award Trustees Scholarships for the specific purpose of recruiting and retaining full-time entering freshmen and full-time entering transfer students of exceptional talent who might not otherwise consider attending a CSUS university, and
- WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees amended the resolution above in December 1998 to enable the universities to enhance their ability to attract "bright, high achievers" [BR#98-68], and
- WHEREAS, Under BR#01-58 and BR#05-01 the CSUS Trustees Scholarship Program added the option for financial need criteria in awarding these academic merit scholarships, and
- WHEREAS, At the end of the current program authorization of January 2008 each university has reported the positive impact of this program and is committed to continuing the enhancement of these awards, and
- WHEREAS, A more uniform reporting and evaluation of the program will help the Board of Trustees gain a better understanding of use and effectiveness of the funds for future continuation of the authorization, therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That the CSUS Trustees Scholarships shall be awarded under the following conditions:
  - (a) Awards shall be given in addition to other grants-in-aid provided to students on the basis of financial need and/or enrollment in the universities honors program.
  - (b) Under the direction of the university president, the admissions office at the university in coordination with its financial aid office shall administer the awarding of these scholarships under a process which by the amount of the award and the timing of the award maximizes the recruitment and/or retention potential of the scholarship.

- (c) If the recipient's full financial need is not met by the merit scholarship, the scholarship shall be attributed to the "self-help" portion of unmet need as calculated by the financial aid office.
- (d) The cumulative funding allocated to this program at each university for each class of entering students shall not exceed an amount equivalent to 1.0% of tuition revenue based on the amount generated by the university's full-time undergraduate enrollment of the previous fall semester.
- (e) Scholarships in this program may be in any amount not to exceed the amount of tuition charged to in-state students per year.
- (f) Under the direction of the president, the university shall establish and publish the criteria on the basis for which these scholarships will be awarded. Such criteria may include, but shall not be limited to, financial need, rank-in-class, scores on standardized tests, measures of leadership, evidence of achievement, or grade point average for first time freshmen or transfer applicants.
- (g) Under the direction of the president, the university shall identify criteria for continuing eligibility for the scholarships, provided that no student shall receive such scholarships for more than eight semesters. Such criteria shall include the completion of a minimum of 24 credit hours annually with a cumulative grade point average of at least a 3.0.
- (h) Each university president shall annually evaluate the success of this program in achieving measurable outcomes with respect to the recruitment and retention of talented students, and report such outcomes using a uniform format to the Board of Trustees, and be it further

RESOLVED, That BR#05-1 is hereby repealed, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the CSUS Trustees Scholarship Program shall be reviewed for continuing authorization on the basis of use and effectiveness by the Board of Trustees in January, 2011.

A Certified True Copy:

David G. Carter, Sr., Chancellor