



Connecticut State University System

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BR# 10-53

RESOLUTION

concerning

APPROVAL OF MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS

for

WESTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

September 23, 2010

- WHEREAS, The four universities in the Connecticut State University System seek to adopt congruent but nonetheless distinct institutional missions and visions, as well as define their areas of excellence in servicing the state of Connecticut and its citizenry, and
- WHEREAS, Through Board Resolution 98-73 the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System approved Western Connecticut State University's mission statement, and
- WHEREAS, As part of its strategic planning process beginning in 2006, Western Connecticut State University used as its cornerstone a vision statement which whose elements were expressed as strategic initiatives, and
- WHEREAS, The mission and vision statements have emerged through appropriate university committees and processes, including the approval from the university President, therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System rescinds Board Resolution 98-73 and approves the mission and vision statements for Western Connecticut State University as attached.

A Certified True Copy:

David G. Carter, Chancellor

Mission

Western Connecticut State University serves as an accessible, responsive and creative intellectual resource for the people and institutions of Connecticut. We strive to meet the educational needs of a diversified student body through instruction, scholarship and public service. Western aspires to be a public university of choice for programs of excellence in the liberal arts and the professions by providing full-time and part-time students with the necessary background to be successful in their chosen careers and to be productive members of society. It accomplishes this by emphasizing:

- A strong liberal arts foundation
- Strong skills in communication, problem solving, and critical thinking
- Opportunities for experiential, cooperative, and internships experiences
- A strong background in information technologies
- Interdisciplinary programs
- A strong sense of commitment to public service
- A personalized learning environment

Our mission as a public comprehensive University is given life through the principles and values that guide us.

Fulfilling the Mission - Principles

- Empowering students to attain the highest standards of academic achievement, public and professional services, personal development, and ethical conduct is our fundamental responsibility.
- Facilitating learning is our primary function, and it requires that our faculty be active scholars who have a lasting interest in enhancing instruction and that our curriculum be dynamic and include advanced instructional technologies.
- Preparing students for enlightened and productive participation in a global society is our obligation and is best fulfilled by developing the best possible academic programs and learning experiences.
- Promoting a rich and diverse cultural environment that allows freedom of expression within a spirit of civility and mutual respect is our abiding commitment.
- Strengthening our partnership with the people and institutions of Connecticut is a benefit to both the University and the state and endows our teaching and scholarship with a special vitality and dedication.

Vision

Western Connecticut State University capitalizes on its outstanding faculty and its location in the greater New York metropolitan area to create a diverse university community that—in its range of quality academic programs and in its enriching and supportive student-focused environment—is characteristic of New England's best small private universities, but with much more affordable costs.