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AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION

concerning

The Establishment of the Bachelor of Music Degree

at Western Connecticut State College

July 17, 1970

RESOLVED, That Western Connecticut State College be authorized to begin the Bachelor of Music program in September 1970 or as soon thereafter as practicable.

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT

COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

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TO : THE COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION  
FROM : William H. James, on behalf of the Standing Committee on Accreditation  
DATE : April 12, 1971  
SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION OF ACCREDITATION OF A PROGRAM AT WESTERN CONNECTICUT  
STATE COLLEGE LEADING TO THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF MUSIC

Section 10-330-3 of the policies for the licensing and accrediting of institutions of higher learning in Connecticut contains information as follows:

"SEC. 10-330-3. -- ACCREDITED CONNECTICUT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING MAKING SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES IN THEIR PURPOSES OR DEGREE PROGRAMS.

Each accredited institution desiring to add new degree programs or schools, i.e., new curricula, new major fields of concentration, subject matter areas not currently offered by the institution, shall report the proposed change or changes to the chancellor of the commission. When the proposal is received, the standing committee on accreditation shall decide whether:

(1) There shall be an immediate visitation prior to the offering of the program; (2) there shall be a visit at some future date specified by the committee; (3) the program shall be evaluated at the time of the next regular evaluation visit to the institution; (4) the program, on the basis of the information from the institution itself, can be considered eligible for licensure because of the institution's current regional accreditation or because of an imminent visit by a nationally recognized special accrediting agency."

Pursuant to this policy, Western Connecticut State College furnished extensive information to the Standing Committee on Accreditation in regard to a program leading to the degree of Bachelor of Music.

Two pertinent items of information about this program include the following:

1. Western Connecticut State College, which offers both undergraduate and graduate programs, has been accredited by the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.
2. This particular program, leading to the degree of Bachelor of Music, is not planned as a program which will lead to teacher certification.

The plans for this program were reviewed, evaluated, and approved by officials, consultants, and committees as follows:

1. A five-member staff committee within the college as follows:

- a. Dr. Mervin Whitcomb, Professor of music
  - b. Mr. Vincent Krulak, Assistant Professor of music
  - c. Mr. Charles Lanning, Assistant Professor of music
  - d. Dr. Robert Weirauch, Assistant Professor of earth science (Ph.D. in music,)
  - e. Dr. Gertrude Braun, Academic Dean and Chairman of the Curriculum Committee
2. Two consultants as follows:
- a. Mr. Norman Lloyd, Director of the Arts Program of the Rockefeller Foundation and former Dean of Juilliard School of Music and Oberlin College of Music. Mr. Lloyd is also an author in the field of Keyboard Harmony and a concert pianist.
  - b. Dr. Robert Hargreaves, Dean of the School of Music, Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana and immediate past president of the National Association of Schools of Music. Dr. Hargreaves acted for the National Association of Schools of Music in his review of the programs.
3. The Curriculum Committee of Western Connecticut State College.
4. The Administrative Review Committee which, in addition to Dr. Braun, included Dr. Ruth A. Haas, President; Dr. F. Burton Cook, Dean of the College; and Dr. Carl A. Pettersch, Dean of Graduate Studies.
5. The Board of Trustees for the State Colleges.

The plans for this program have been approved by the Commission for Higher Education for purposes of coordination.

In the light of the information above, and after a review of the information presented by Western Connecticut State College, the Standing Committee on Accreditation voted, on February 16, 1971, to recommend the accreditation of this program as follows:

RESOLVED, that the program leading to the degree of Bachelor of Music at Western Connecticut State College be accredited for a period of time generally coinciding with the institution's current undergraduate and graduate accreditation by the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools extending to June 30, 1974.