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RESOLUTION

concerning

SCIENCE CENTER

at

Southern Connecticut State College

March 10, 1978

WHEREAS, The design for the Science and Classroom Building proposed for Southern Connecticut State College would result in unusually high construction costs, and

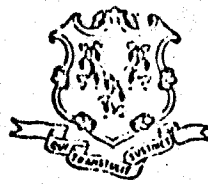
WHEREAS, The recently built Science Center at Central Connecticut State College (Copernicus Hall) has proven highly satisfactory and was constructed at reasonable costs, and

WHEREAS, It has been determined that with some modification the design for Copernicus Hall would meet the needs of Southern Connecticut State College, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the plans for Copernicus Hall be redesigned in a manner that will best fit the needs of Southern Connecticut State College and that such redesigned plans be used for the construction of a Science and Classroom Building at Southern Connecticut State College.

A Certified True Copy:

James A. Frost
Executive Director



For B. Kennedy

The General Assembly
State of Connecticut

Joint Committee on Legislative Management

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
CARL D. FRANTZ
DIRECTOR

STATE CAPITOL
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06115
(203) 560-4150

March 28, 1977

TO:

FROM: Office of Legislative Research
Joseph N. Joyce, Jr., Education Research Specialist

SUBJECT: Capital Projects at Southern Connecticut State College - The
Science Building and the Student Center

You have asked for information concerning capital projects at Southern Connecticut State College. Specifically, you were interested in the current status of the proposed science building and student center. In addition, you have inquired as to the availability of federal funds for the construction of the science building.

Each of these projects is treated separately below.

SCIENCE BUILDING

The first authorization by the General Assembly for the construction of a science building at Southern Connecticut State College was in 1967, when a sum not to exceed \$3,750,000 was authorized (Special Act 67-276). The size of the original project grew through the late 1960's and early 1970's, and subsequent authorizations reflected the rising estimated cost for the proposed building. In 1969, a sum not to exceed \$1,725,000 was added to the prior authorization of \$3,750,000 (Special Act 69-281). In 1974, the General Assembly authorized an additional maximum of \$12,600,000 (Special Act 74-90), bringing the current total authorized for the project, which was to consist of science and general classroom facilities at Southern Connecticut, to \$18,405,000.

State bonding has yet to be approved to start construction of the building and the decision as to when or if the necessary bonding will be approved rests primarily with the Department of Finance and Control. While the General Assembly makes authorizations for capital projects, it is important to note

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that this is merely the first stage in a complex process which involves the Department of Public Works, the Department of Finance and Control and ultimately the Bond Commission, which must approve the bonding for capital projects. Authorizations for capital projects by the General Assembly are not appropriations of the money for those projects.

While the designs for the \$18 million facility have been completed for several years, the Board of Trustees for the State Colleges, taking note of the recent state fiscal crisis and the Governor's sharp curtailment of bonding for capital projects, decided last year to replan the facility along the lines of a science facility recently constructed at Central Connecticut State College for the cost of \$10 million. As a result, the estimated cost for a science building at Southern Connecticut has been reduced from \$18,405,000 to \$12 million.

Regarding the availability of federal funds for the project, the state could receive some \$732,094. In 1968, the state received a commitment of \$500,000 under Title VII of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to assist in the construction of a science building at Southern Connecticut. In November, 1976, the federal government notified the state that the \$500,000 award was in danger of being withdrawn due to inaction. In February, 1977, Jay Tepper, Commissioner of Finance and Control, responded to the notification, requesting an extension until September, 1977. He cited the current uncertainty regarding the reorganization of the governance structure for higher education as the basis for requesting the extension. To date, the federal government has yet to respond to the Commissioner's request.

Also, the state could be eligible for an additional \$232,094 in federal monies under Title VIII of the Public Health Services Act. Whether the state will receive this money is entirely dependent upon when the project is undertaken, since money awarded under this program is not set aside but rather is distributed on a first come, first served basis.



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

July 25, 1977

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JAMES J. BERGEN
COMMISSIONER

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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James A. Frost, Executive Director
Board of Trustees, State Colleges
1615 Stanley Street
New Britain, Connecticut 06050

Dear Mr. Frost:

Re: Proposed Science Building at
Southern Connecticut State College,
New Haven

In your letter of June 15, 1977 addressed to former Commissioner Robert A. Weirnerman, you indicated that the Board of Trustees have had the Science Building at Southern Connecticut State College (Project BI-RS-41) high on their list of priorities.

In view of the recent creation of the new Board of Higher Education, it seems that a more formal route to follow would be, to present your request to the next meeting of the new Board, and that a resolution regarding the proposed Science Building be prepared for submission to this department. Perhaps it can be incorporated in our Long-range Planning report which we are preparing for submission to the Governor by Sept. 1, 1977.

It may also be appropriate, with the pending creation on October 1 of the new Office of Policy and Management, to submit your request to that department as part of your capital program for the 1978-79 Legislative session.

We do not see, however, under the present financial restraints, how this department can strongly press for a particular project of this nature. It is our opinion that it would fare much better as part of an overall State College program backed by the Board of Higher Education.

Sincerely yours,

James J. Bergen
Commissioner

Milton R. Case

By: Milton R. Case, Chief
Property Planning Section
Public Works Department

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cc: Comm'r. Bergen
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June 15, 1977

Commissioner Robert Weinerman
Department of Public Works
State Office Building
Hartford, CT 06115

Dear Commissioner Weinerman:

As you know the Trustees have had the Science Building at Southern Connecticut State College (Project BI-RS-41) high on their list of priorities. You will recall that the President of Southern Connecticut State College and members of his staff examined the new Science Building at Central Connecticut State College (Project BI-RC-52) and decided it could be modified for use at Southern, thereby reducing certain costs. The following communications relate to this matter: Letter, September 3, 1975, from me to you; Letter, July 9, 1976, from me to you; Letter, July 19, 1976, from you to me; and Letter, October 20, 1976, from me to you. Copies of all are enclosed.

We are still very much concerned about the Science Building at Southern because our students are not receiving the laboratory instruction that they should. I have no record of a response to my last letter on this subject, dated October 20, 1976. Will you please tell me what the next step should be? Thank you.

Sincerely,

James A. Frost
Executive Director

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cc: President Jennings



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October 20, 1976

Mr. Robert Weirnerman
Commissioner
Public Works Department
State Office Building
Hartford, CT. 06115

Dear Commissioner Weirnerman:

Reference is made to your letter of July 19 concerning the proposed Science Center at Southern Connecticut State College.

After a review of the plans of Copernicus Hall (the Science Building at Central Connecticut State College) and visiting it, President Manson Van B. Jennings and representatives of the science departments of Southern Connecticut State College, believe that the plans can be adapted to the programmatic needs of Southern.

A science building for Southern remains a top priority in the capital program of the Trustees. What steps should now be taken to move this project forward?

Thank you and your staff for your help with this and so many other matters.

Sincerely,

James A. Frost
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Executive Director

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February 27, 1978

The Honorable Ella T. Grasso
Governor, State of Connecticut
State Capitol
Hartford, CT 06115

Dear ^{Ella} ~~Governor Grasso~~:

Thank you for the action taken at the Bonding Commission of February 24 in regard to the Science Center at Southern Connecticut State College. For at least a decade there has been a critical need for instructional space in the sciences at that campus. The adoption of the plans for the science center at Central to meet the needs of Southern will provide this critical facility at a much reduced cost to the taxpayer. Our students will benefit from this carefully thought-out action.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "L. J. Davidson".

L. J. Davidson
Chairman

LJD/b

February 27, 1978

The Honorable Ella T. Grasso
Governor, State of Connecticut
State Capitol
Hartford, CT 06115

Dear Governor Grasso:

I know of no greater need of higher education in our State than the need for added science facilities at Southern Connecticut State College. The action taken by the Bonding Commission of February 24 reflects your concern for our students and results from the careful work of your administration to help us solve this crucial problem. On behalf of our students, our faculty, and our Trustees, I thank you for the positive step taken on the 24th.

Sincerely,

James A. Frost
Executive Director

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THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES
COLLEGE PARK, MARYLAND
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RECORDS SECTION

I have been advised that you are interested in the records of the
National Archives. I am sorry that I cannot provide you with more
information at this time. The records of the National Archives are
being processed and it may be some time before they are available
to you. I will contact you again when the records are available.

Sincerely,
[Signature]

Special Agent in Charge
National Archives

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March 10, 1978

Mr. C. Thomas Foley
Deputy Commissioner
Public Works Division
Department of Administrative Services
State Office Building
Hartford, CT. 06115

Dear Mr. Foley:

At the March 10, 1978 meeting of the Board of Trustees, the enclosed resolution concerning the Science Center at Southern Connecticut State College was approved.

Sincerely,

James A. Frost
Executive Director

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cc: Mr. MacKinnon
Mr. Dennis Keefe
Mr. Francis Weiszer

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