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RESOLUTION

concerning

CONVERSION OF THE FREDERICK R. NOBLE SCHOOL TO A DORMITORY AT EASTERN CONNECTICUT STATE COLLEGE

November 5, 1982

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees for State Colleges has authorization to design an additional dormitory at Eastern Connecticut State College, and

WHEREAS, It is possible that the existing Frederick R. Noble School can be converted to a dormitory more rapidly and at lower cost than a new dormitory can be built, therefore be

RESOLVED, That the Trustees authorize the expenditure of planning funds available for the additional dormitory at Eastern Connecticut State College for the purpose of exploring the feasibility of the conversion of the Noble School to dormitory use, and be it

RESOLVED, That the Executive Director is directed to work with the Board of Higher Education and other appropriate agencies to secure the release of planning funds for this purpose.

A Certified True Copy:

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DISPOSITION OF THE FREDERICK R. NOBLE SCHOOL

September 26, 1975

WHEREAS, Fiscal imperatives and programmatic changes require the Board of Trustees to cease operation of the Frederick R. Noble School; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for State Colleges will discontinue operation of the Frederick R. Noble School in Windham not later than September 1, 1976, and that the President of Eastern Connecticut State College shall carry out this action in accordance with the Board's Personnel Policies; and be it

RESOLVED, That the President of Eastern Connecticut State College and the Executive Secretary of the Board are authorized to consult with the State Commissioner of Public Works concerning the disposition of the building housing the Noble School; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That, if the Windham Board of Education desires to continue the operation of a public school in the building now housing the Noble School, the Board of Trustees will approve and support action by the Commissioner of Public Works to sell, give, or lease the building to the Town of Windham subject to terms acceptable to the Commissioner; however, if the building is not turned over to the town for the purpose previously mentioned, the Board of Trustees for the State Colleges will retain possession of it for use by Eastern Connecticut State College.

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Thank You for Sharing Your Idea.

Please send your ideas to: Employees' Suggestion Awards Program, 165 Capitol Ave., Hartford, 06115.

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То	James A. Frost, Executive AGENCY Director	Connecticut State Colleges ADDRESS	October 19, 1982
From	Charles R. Webb, President	Eastern Connecticut State	456-2231, X-221
SUBJECT	Noble School Renovation Propo	osal	

Eastern Connecticut State College has continued to experience a critical shortage of on-campus housing. In September, 1982, only 381 of the 765 new students who, upon admission, had applied for housing could be housed.

The College is continually seeking a solution to the chronic shortage of adequate and appropriate residence space for its students. A possible and promising solution, one that would carry many ancillary benefits with it would be the conversion of the F. R. Noble School for the purpose of housing and feeding resident students.

Conversion of the F. R. Noble School to a residence facility would provide two hundred badly needed new beds, a cafeteria on the south campus and, a must in this location, sufficient study, recreational, and storage space in the basement. This conversion would also offer the added benefit of obviating the need to enlarge the food service building on the north campus. Students now living in Burr Hall as well as off-campus students living in the vicinity of the Noble School would be better served by a cafeteria operating on the south campus. Finally, renovation of the building would be a task that can be accomplished in a far shorter time than the planned construction of a new 200-bed dormitory; the cost is estimated at \$3,500,000 (today's prices) rather than the \$6,000,000 expenditure for the dormitory in our long-range plan.

A review of the project by administrative, physical plant, and housing office personnel indicates the following:

- 1) The top two floors (1st and 2nd) should be made over into suites with separate sleeping and study/living rooms. Each suite will contain its own bath with toilet facilities.
- 2) The current cafeteria should be overhauled in order to provide the type of kitchen necessary for a regular board feeding program. The capacity of the facility should be 200 minimum at one seating.

- 3) The basement can be converted to areas for recreation, study, Residence Hall government, and storage. The area now housing the gymnasium on this floor should be retained as a large meeting room for social and other similar occasions to be held by the residents.
- 4) The building should be air conditioned as this will permit summer school housing and feeding within a single building-a situation not currently possible.
- 5) Adequate parking will be available for residents and support staff personnel in existing parking area.
- 6) Outdoor recreation space, a must for restraining destructive indoor recreation, can be provided using the current playground area.
- 7) Office and residence space should be provided for the housing staff.

I very enthusiastically endorse this proposal. It is the ideal way to replace the Nathan Hale Dormitory. The plan, if accepted and implemented, will provide a superior facility at less cost and in more timely fashion than the one originally planned. Moreover, it will relieve pressure on North campus food service facilities, provide dining, recreational, and perhaps parking accommodations for residents of Burr Hall, and make use of land already available and adequate rather than scarce North campus space.

If you concur, I would appreciate your placing this proposal on the agenda of the next Planning Committee.

Thank you.

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To	James A. Frost, Executive Director		September 15, 1982
	AGENCY	ADDRESS	
From	Charles R. Webb, President	Eastern Connecticut State	TELEPHONE 456-2231, Ext. 221
	AGENCY	ADDRESS College	
SUBJECT	F. R. Noble School		

Your letter of August 26, 1982, asks for a statement on College plans for eventual disposition of the F. R. Noble School when the lease with the Town of Windham expires in 1986.

On the basis of careful, but preliminary analysis of College needs and the structural characteristics of the School, I would like to recommend to the Board of Trustees that the Noble School be converted into a residence hall to house approximately 200 students. The conversion project is presented as a substitute for the 200-bed facility, to replace the Nathan Hale, projected for 1985-86 in the June 11, 1982, Board of Trustees Resolution on Priorities for Capital Projects.

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expansion of point #5 above. The committee has an October 15 deadline. I will be in touch with you shortly after that date. The other members of the College Cabinet and I are keenly aware of the possibilities of this proposal. We are hopeful you will find the idea as exciting as we do.

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cc: James N. LoMonaco
M. Kathleen McGrory
Roy H. Merolli
Robert W. Meshanic
Margaret S. Wilson
Ronald V. Stephens