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RESOLUTION

concerning

THE WEATHER CENTER

at

WESTERN CONNECTICUT STATE COLLEGE

in conjunction with

THE STATE COLLEGE RESEARCH FOUNDATION

February 4, 1983

- WHEREAS, In Resolution #80-112 and 82-131 the Trustees of the Connecticut State Colleges established and implemented the Connecticut State College Research Foundation to foster instruction, research, and service activites and to receive, solicit, contract for and hold in separate custody funds for such activities, and to perform other appropriate functions, and
- WHEREAS, The Weather Center at Western Connecticut State College was originally authorized by the Trustees in Resolution 81-28 for the purpose of fostering instruction, research, and public service in meteorology and related sciences, and
- WHEREAS, The activities of the Weather Center were suspended by the President of the College on June 16, 1982 after questions were raised about the authority of the Trustees to operate the Center as a public service unit and to charge for the services provided, and
- WHEREAS, The Attorney General of the State of Connecticut has now ruled that the Trustees do have the authority to operate the Weather Center and to provide service to the public when the public service activities have their origin in academic instruction and research and are a necessary incident thereof, and be it
- RESOLVED, That the Trustees of the Connecticut State Colleges authorize the President of Western Connecticut State College to reactivate the Weather Center on that campus as a unit to foster instruction and research in meteorology and related sciences and insofar as meteorological information and analysis is generated as a part of the instructional and research program to share that information and analysis with the public so that the citizens of the state can benefit directly from the work of college staff and students, and be it

RESOLVED, That Trustees' Resolution 81-107 which provided a schedule of fixed charges for services to the public by the Weather Center is hereby repealed, and be it

RESOLVED, That the Trustees authorize the Weather Center with the approval of the campus President to impose charges as compensation for meteorological services to off-campus consumers, and be it

RESOLVED, That the Trustees find that the instructional, research, and service activities of the Weather Center fall within the objectives of the State College Research Foundation and direct that all compensation received by the Center be deposited in accounts of the State College Research Foundation and be held in separate custody by the Foundation and be used to defray the costs of operating the Center and for such other purposes as the Foundation may direct, and be it

RESOLVED, That the Trustees adopt the attached Regulations for the Operation of the Weather Center at Western Connecticut State College.

A Certified True Copy:

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WEATHER CENTER

REGULATIONS SOVERNING OPERATION OF THE CENTER

AUTHORITY:

By Public Act 79-202 the State of Connecticut authorized the Trustees of the Connecticut State Colleges to establish the State College Research Foundation to promote instruction, research, invention, discovery, and development and to disseminate information related to such activities. By Resolutions 80-112 and 82-131 the Trustees established and implemented the State College Research Foundation. By Resolution of February 4, 1983, the Trustees approved the Weather Center at Western as falling within the purposes and objectives of the Foundation.

PURPOSES:

The purpose of the Weather Center is to promote instruction, research, invention, discovery, development, and dissemination of information in the field of meteorological and related sciences. Instruction shall include course work at the undergraduate and graduate level as well as less structured experiences in the operation of scientific weather equipment and the conduct of research including all aspects of research methodology and the presentation and application of research results. Instruction shall also be conducted in the analysis, preparation, and presentation of actual weather forecasts and analyses to real consumers of such information in order to provide practical training and experience for students. Such training and experience shall be under the supervision and control of the faculty member in charge.

Students shall be prepared for further academic study in meteorological fields and for employment in fields in which meteorological information is applied and/or disseminated.

Research activities shall be conducted in the Center under the supervision of the faculty member in charge of the Center by undergraduate, graduate, and special students and by faculty, temporary researchers appointed by the college, and visiting scholars and other persons appointed by the college.

Public service activities may be conducted in the Center including the dissemination of weather information and the application and development of research results for the benefit of the general public or for selected portions of the public. However, information which is thus provided as a public service must have its origin in academic instruction, research, and discovery activities. Public service thus must be an incident to the basic instructional and research activities of the college and the Center, not a separate objective. Public service activities shall provide practical experience and training to students and shall be under the supervision and control of the faculty member in charge of the Center or other college faculty members approved by the faculty member in charge.

OPERATIONS:

The Center may receive grants, contracts, donations, and endowments from non-state sources. The Center may also impose charges as compensation for services rendered to the public. All funds generated in these ways by Center activities shall be deposited in Research Foundation accounts and dispensed from such accounts.

The Center shall conduct its operations in a manner which is consistent with the highest standards of instruction and scientific research. In order to attain such standards the Center may operate 24 hours a day, every day of the year to monitor weather patterns, demonstrate sound tracking procedures, continuously confirm analyses, transmit and interpret weather information to real consumers of such information, maintain detailed records of weather phenomena, and in general sustain the kind of research which requires continuous input of data over long periods of time.

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The Center may employ professional, technical, and clerical staff including students.

ADMINISTRATION:

The President of the College shall be responsible for the operation of the Center and for causing its activities to comply with these regulations (of the Weather Center) and where applicable with the rules and regulations of the State College Research Foundation. The President may delegate the day to day operation of the Weather Center to the faculty member in charge who shall be a professionally qualified meteorologist. The faculty member shall be responsible to the President through the Academic Vice President.

EVALUATION:

An evaluation of the activities of the Center and an accounting of all funds which it generates shall be conducted each year by the President of Western Connecticut State College or his designate in accordance with the rules of the Research Foundation and the results of such evaluation and accounting shall be submitted to the Director of the State College Research Foundation. The Director of the Foundation may ask the campus administration at any time for whatever information about the Center he or she may deem necessary. The Director of the Research Foundation may for good cause recommend to the Trustees that the collaboration of the Research Foundation be withdrawn from the Center. If such collaboration is withdrawn, the Center will cease to operate its public service functions.