



THE CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

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RESOLUTION

concerning

DISPOSITION OF THE MOTOR SAILER "ESTRELLITA", A GIFT TO SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

April 6, 1984

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees, through SCR #69-15 dated December 17, 1969, accepted a gift to Southern Connecticut State University of the 47-foot twin diesel motor sailer, "Estrellita", for use in the Marine Biology Program, and

WHEREAS, The University has determined that the "Estrellita" is no longer suitable for use as a research vessel and is desirous of replacing it, be it

RESOLVED, That the President of the Connecticut State University, in accordance with the provisions of Section 10a-150 of the Connecticut General Statutes, is authorized to arrange for the sale or other disposition of the "Estrellita" and related equipment and to use the proceeds of such disposition to support marine studies research at Southern Connecticut State University.

A Certified True Copy:

James A. Frost
President

Central Connecticut State University • New Britain
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April 6, 1984

Dr. E. Franklin Harrison
President
Southern Connecticut State University
501 Crescent Street
New Haven, CT 06515

Dear Dr. Harrison:

RE: Disposition of "Estrellita"

Today, The Board of Trustees authorized me as President of the Connecticut State University to sell the "Estrellita" and direct the proceeds to be used in the Marine Biology Program at Southern.

Under my authority, I am delegating the responsibility of the sale of the "Estrellita" to you and directing you to deposit the proceeds in the special account established for the Marine Biology Program.

Sincerely,


James A. Frost
President

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RESOLUTION

concerning

Acceptance of Gift to Southern Connecticut State College
from Mr. Perry Stevens

December 17, 1969

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for Connecticut State Colleges accepts with sincere appreciation from Mr. Perry Stevens of Stuart, Florida, a gift to Southern Connecticut State College of the 47-foot twin diesel motor sailer, "Estrellita," built by the Williston Boat Works, North Carolina, and launched October 17, 1957.



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January 30, 1984

Hon. Elisha C. Freedman
Commissioner
Department of Administrative Services
State Office Building
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Commissioner Freedman:

We are requesting your approval for the disposition of a research vessel the "Estrellita" and its related equipment for the sum of \$5,000 to Mr. Bertil James Haney of West Haven in accordance with the attached agreement dated January 11, 1984.

At a special meeting of the Board of Trustees for State Colleges held on December 19, 1969, the "Estrellita", a 47-foot twin diesel motor sailer was accepted as a gift to Southern Connecticut State University from Mr. Perry Stevens at Stuart, Florida, to be used in the Marine Biology program.

Based on the Ships Committee Report (copy attached), this vessel is no longer considered suitable for this purpose and it has been recommended by the Committee that the "Estrellita" be sold and the proceeds be retained by the University to acquire another vessel that will better serve the needs of the University and its programs.

We are hopeful that we may receive a favorable response to this request.

Sincerely,

Antoinette M. Bascetta
Executive Officer for
Finance and Management

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Encl.

*also mailed copy
to res. B. government,
of Estrellita for disposition*

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

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<i>To</i>	NAME Dr. Robert A. Nowlan	TITLE Vice President for Academic Affairs	DATE June 24, 1983
	AGENCY	ADDRESS	
<i>From</i>	NAME Martin J. Anisman	TITLE Dean of Arts & Sciences	TELEPHONE
	AGENCY	ADDRESS	

SUBJECT

The Estrellita

Attached is a report from a committee I appointed this year to evaluate the condition of the Estrellita, and issue recommendations. I draw your attention particularly to that section labeled "Professional Survey." It is my judgment that repairing and maintaining the Estrellita would be far too expensive for the program we offer here at Southern. I concur with the committee's recommendation that the proceeds from the sale of this vessel be used for the purchase of a smaller, less expensive vessel, for our program. At least one buyer has indicated an interest in the Estrellita, and there may well be others who would be willing to bid or purchase the vessel. I do think it a mark of distinction and pride that the University has a research vessel and I would hope that the proceeds from the sale of the Estrellita be used toward the purchase of another vessel.

Martin J. Anisman
Martin J. Anisman

MJA/brc
Att.

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JUN 24 1983

Vice-President Academic Affairs

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SHIPS COMMITTEE REPORT

Objective: To evaluate the condition of the Estralita and to recommend a plan of action for the disposition of the vessel that best fits the needs of the College and the Marine Studies Program.

Action: The general condition of the vessel was evaluated by:
(1) meeting with members of the faculty and staff who have used the boat during the past eight years,
(2) conducting a survey with a shipwright,
(3) obtaining a preliminary assessment of the condition and value of the vessel from a boat broker.

Findings: Faculty and staff assessment- Dr. Pellegrino, Mr. Radulski, Dr. Haakonsen and staff members who have made use of the Estralita were asked to indicate the value of the vessel to their individual courses, programs and research projects. The consensus indicates that the vessel has served well, but is in need of major repairs if it is to continue to provide a safe, dependable platform for research and instruction.

During the period of time that the College has owned the Estralita it has been used for instructional and research work by the Biology and Earth Science Departments and the Environmental Studies Program. According to the record, the vessel was used for over one hundred days during the 1975-76 academic year. During several other years the vessel was used for periods of up to eighty days for research and instruction. As the cost of operation in time and dollars has increased, vessel usage has constantly declined. Alternative vessels have been chartered or borrowed to fill instructional and research needs. In many instances field investigations have been eliminated from courses since a reliable vessel was not readily available.

It is the considered opinion of this group that a faster fiberglass vessel that can carry 15-25 students would be more appropriate for use in evolving programs on campus. Such a vessel would provide a greater margin of safety and would be much easier to maintain than the Estralita.

Professional survey- Mr. Gilbert, shipwright from Schooner, Inc. conducted a survey of the vessel. In his opinion, the vessel is structurally sound but in need of major repairs to the coachroof, decks, window frames and standing rigging. In addition, the vessel is in need of "cosmetic" repairs. The engines are in running condition, but of a design that will be hard to repair if a major breakdown should occur. Repair costs are estimated to be in the range of \$8,000 to \$10,000. An annual allocation of \$2,500-\$3,000 would be required to maintain the vessel in a safe, seaworthy fashion. This does not include the cost of a slip, insurance, storage or fuel.

Boat broker- Mr. John Cadley, Broker for the Milford Boat

Works, estimates that the vessel is basically sound and saleable. In his opinion, the vessel could be sold relatively quickly for \$3,000 to \$5,000. A higher price could be asked, but the vessel would only be of interest to a limited market at the higher price.

Recommendations: Based upon an evaluation of the present and planned instructional and research programs of the College, there is a definite need for one or more functional, seaworthy vessels that can be used on a demand basis by faculty, staff and students of the College. As a first vessel, the Estralita has served us well. In view of the high cost of repairing and maintaining the vessel, the Ships Committee recommends that one of the following prioritized courses of action be taken:

1. Sell the Estralita and use the proceeds of the sale to acquire another vessel that will better fit the instructional and research needs of the College and its programs.
2. Transfer title to another educational institution that can restore the vessel and make use of same to advance marine education and research in Connecticut. In exchange for the contribution, the College would have access to the Estralita or other vessels owned by the recipient organization for limited research and instruction.
3. Declare the vessel to be surplus property and permit it to be auctioned by the Connecticut State Surplus Office.

The committee recommends that prompt action be taken to dispose of the vessel.

In light of the need for a replacement for the Estralita, the Ships Committee requests that it be authorized to investigate ways in which vessels that fit the needs of the College can be obtained. In the opinion of the committee, it is possible to approach the acquisition of appropriate vessels through grants, contribution, or planned purchase by a consortium of departments or institutions.

The Ships Committee respectfully submits this report to Dean Anisman and the College administration. The Committee stands recessed until further directives are issued by the Dean of Arts and Sciences.

Dr. Harry O. Haakonsen, Chairperson
Dr. Peter Pelligrino, Biology Department
Mr. Robert Radulski, Earth Science Department
Dr. Martin Glassner, Geography Department