

THE CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

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RESOLUTION

revising

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES STATEMENT DATED JANUARY 18, 1985

ADOPTED IN RESPONSE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION'S STUDY ENTITLED

"ASSESSMENT OF NEED FOR A DOCTORAL PROGRAM IN EDUCATION AT THE CONNECTICUT

STATE UNIVERSITY"

June 21, 1985

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By: The Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University

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*Amendments:

Item 6 was amended June 21, 1985 per BR#85-103.

Item 6 was again amended by Board Motion on September 13, 1985.



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