

## THE CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

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#### RESOLUTION

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# CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY BASIC SKILLS COUNCIL

### September 5, 1986

WHEREAS, The campuses of the Connecticut State University have for many years tested or otherwise evaluated the basic skills competencies of entering students for purposes of appropriate placement in courses, and

WHEREAS, The General Education programs which exist on all campuses of the Connecticut State University impose requirements in the basic skills of writing and mathematics, and

WHEREAS, The Connecticut State University has with the advice of a four-campus faculty committee developed a pamphlet entitled "Preparation for Success in College," intended for high school students and their parents, and another pamphlet entitled "Academic Competencies for Entering Freshmen in the Connecticut State University," intended for high school faculty, both of which explain basic skills requirements and offer suggestions for more effective preparation, and

WHEREAS, The level of basic skills competencies of college graduates has become a matter of national discussion and concern, and

WHEREAS, The Connecticut Board of Governors for Higher Education has adopted a Strategic Plan for Higher Education which directs that all public colleges and universities assess basic skills competencies of first-time undergraduates through "measures, including standardized tests, approved by each constituent unit Board of Trustees," therefore be it

RESOLVED, That a Basic Skills Council shall be established within the Connecticut State University for the purpose of reviewing the state of basic skills assessment in the Connecticut State University in relation to (a) the competencies needed for completion of University curricula, (b) basic skills instruction in the public schools of Connecticut, (c) assessment practices in other institutions and in other states, (d) public expectations for basic skills competencies of university students, (e) fiscal resources needed for assessment of basic skills and for

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developmental instruction in skills areas, and such other areas of concern as the President of Connecticut State University may designate, and be it

RESOLVED, That the President of Connecticut State University, upon receiving nominations from the campus presidents, shall appoint the members of the Basic Skills Council including both faculty and at least one academic administrator from each campus and shall instruct the Council concerning the time schedule for reporting its findings and recommendations to him and be it

RESOLVED, That the President of the Connecticut State University shall review and analyze reports of the Basic Skills Council and make appropriate recommendations for action to the Trustees.

A Certified True Copy:

Dallas K. Beal

President