

Connecticut State University System
Board of Trustees

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RESOLUTION

concerning

TUITION AND FEE PLANNING GUIDELINES FOR FY1996-97

December 15, 1995

WHEREAS, Section 10a-99 of the general statutes provides that the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University system, shall fix fees for such purposes as the Board of Trustees deems necessary, and

WHEREAS, The Board has indicated its concern, for the future, that large tuition and fee increases would impair the accessibility of many of Connecticut's citizens to a quality education within the Connecticut State University System, and

WHEREAS, Several events potentially affecting the financial viability of the System to a greater extent than our current situation have occurred, and

WHEREAS, The System President and the University Presidents have requested that the Board of Trustees consider these factors, highlighted below, when setting the FY1996-97 tuition and fee planning guidelines:

- FY1995-96 General Fund appropriation reduction of \$1.43 million.
- FY1995-96 arbitrated salary award increases for Operating Fund as well as the General Fund of 4.75%.
- FY1996-97 projected additional General Fund appropriation reduction of \$1.44 million.
- FY1996-97 arbitrated salary award increases for Operating Fund as well as the General Fund ranging from 5% - 6%.

and,

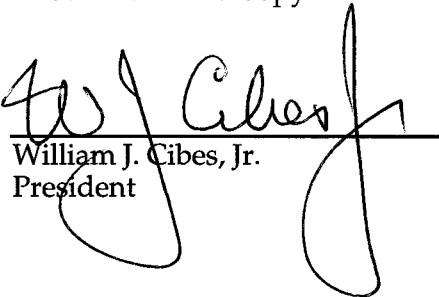
WHEREAS, From a strategic perspective, the Finance, Administration and Development Committee concurred in a number of actions recommended to be undertaken by the Board, Universities and the System Office to cope with our increasingly difficult fiscal circumstances, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board shall consider tuition and fee increases for FY1996-97 somewhat modestly above the rate of inflation in order to maintain the financial viability of our Universities in these difficult times. Improvements in the quality of our output must be paramount as we move forward, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board establish the following tuition and fee planning guidelines for FY1996-97:

- Tuition for undergraduate programs may be increased uniformly by 4 - 5%.
- Tuition for graduate programs may increase a minimum 4%. For certain graduate programs, a differential tuition rate increase may be approved on a systemwide basis.
- Undergraduate Course Fees - May be tailored to meet competition and may be increased by 4 - 5%.
- Graduate Course Fees - May be tailored to meet competition and may be increased by 4% or more.
- Universities may request a differential course fee for non-resident, part-time students.
- University Fee - Debt service projections indicate a fee increase requirement of 3.5% for resident/non-resident charge.
- University General Fee - May be increased by 4 - 5% with the proviso that Southern and Western may present a plan to catch up with Central and Eastern over a three-year period on the basis of today's fee charge. The base upon which the fee increase is calculated excludes student accident insurance.
- Housing and Food Service Fees - Housing and food service fees may be increased in the aggregate up to a maximum 6% depending upon the market place and the need to recover overhead cost related to the particular activity. The base for calculating the fees excludes the telecommunication charge and the cable television charge for CCSU.

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