



Connecticut State University System



RESOLUTION

concerning

PRESIDENTIAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

July 18, 1997

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System established the Presidential Merit Scholarship Program for the recruitment and retention of academically outstanding students, and

WHEREAS, The mandated periodic review of the effectiveness of the program in attaining this objective has been completed which indicates a need for modification in the awarding of fees in the operation of the program, therefore, now be it

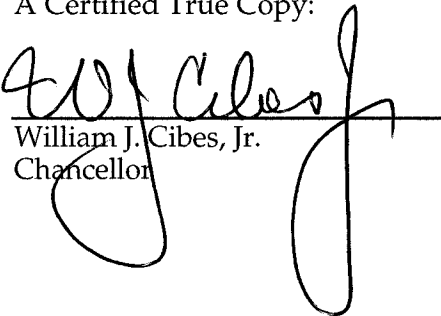
RESOLVED, That Board Resolutions 92-14 and 93-71 are hereby repealed, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees permits each president of each institution comprising the Connecticut State University System the discretion to award either full scholarships in an amount equal to the sum of the in-state undergraduate tuition plus the University Fee, the University General Fee, the Student Activity Fee, and the Technology Fee, or half scholarships equal to one-half of the sum of the above fees, or both full and half scholarships within the allocated dollars. Such grants-in-aid are for the specific purpose of recruiting and retaining full-time entering freshmen and full-time entering transfer students of exceptional academic promise who might not otherwise consider attending a CSU institution, such grants to be awarded under the following conditions:

- (a) The number of such grant recipients per year shall be limited to 0.4% of the campus' full-time undergraduate enrollment of the previous Fall semester.
- (b) The grants shall be paid to the students in the form of a stipend from which the recipients will pay the aforementioned tuition and fees.
- (c) If the recipient receives financial aid, the Presidential Merit Scholarship shall be utilized to meet unmet need as calculated by the Financial Aid Office and/or to replace the self-help portion of the financial aid award.
- (d) Such scholarships shall be awarded under a process specifically approved by the university president or president's designee which by the timing of the award maximizes the recruitment or retention potential of the scholarship.

- (e) Under the direction of the university president each campus may decide whether or not to require Presidential Merit Scholarship recipients to participate in an Honors Program or other specially designated academic program.
- (f) Under the direction of the university president each campus shall identify and maintain criteria for continuing eligibility for the Presidential Merit Scholarships providing that no student shall receive such scholarships for more than eight semesters.
- (g) Each university president shall evaluate how well this program functions to recruit and retain academically outstanding students and shall submit annual reports to the Chancellor of the Connecticut State University on forms developed by the CSU System Office for this purpose.

A Certified True Copy:



William J. Cibes, Jr.
Chancellor

ITEM

Presidential Merit Scholarship Program

BACKGROUND

This scholarship program, based on merit and not necessarily on need, was developed to recruit and retain academically outstanding full-time undergraduate students. CSU university presidents are authorized to award either full scholarships in an amount equal to the sum of the annual in-state undergraduate tuition plus the annual University Fee, the annual University General Fee, and the annual Student Activity Fee or half scholarships equal to one-half of the sum of the above annual fees within the allocated dollars.

An amendment to this program would include the annual Technology Fee in the award.

ANALYSIS

The CSU university presidents report that the scholarships are effective in recruiting and retaining outstanding students and recommend the continuation of the program.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION

Approve the amendment to the Presidential Merit Scholarship Program.