

Connecticut State University System

BR#97-60



RESOLUTION

concerning

ELECTION OF STUDENTS

to the

BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

July 18, 1997

WHEREAS, Section 10a-88 of the Connecticut General Statutes has been amended to provide that the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System shall include four students, one from each university, and

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees shall continue to determine the manner in which students are elected and set criteria for eligibility, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That, having reviewed the amended statutory requirements for student trustees and the Board of Trustees' rules and procedures for implementing those requirements, the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System hereby adopts the following revised rules and procedures for the election of student trustees:

- (1) The Student Government of each university shall propose nominating and election procedures for candidates for student trustee who meet the requirements as specified herein. To be effective the nominating and election procedures must be approved by the university president or the president's designee.
- (2) In order to be eligible, a candidate must meet the following criteria:
 - a. Be a full-time student who has completed at least one semester in residence at a Connecticut State University institution and at least forty-five semester hours toward a bachelor's degree;
 - b. Expect to enroll as a full-time student for at least one full semester after taking office as a trustee at the first regularly scheduled Board meeting after November 1 following his/her election;
 - c. Have a 2.67 grade point average or better on the traditional four point scale at the time of election.

- (3) Elections shall be conducted under the supervision of the university president or president's designee and in conjunction with the Student Government Association.
 - a. Elections must be on a university-wide basis; only matriculated full-time undergraduate and full-time graduate students shall be eligible to vote;
 - b. Elections shall be by secret ballot.
- (4) Elections shall be held according to the following schedule:
 - a. In the Fall semester of 1997 for terms beginning November 1, 1997:

Central Connecticut State University shall elect a student for a one-year term ending October 31, 1998;

Eastern Connecticut State University shall elect a student for a one-year term ending October 31, 1998;

Southern Connecticut State University shall elect a student for a two-year term ending October 31, 1999;

Western Connecticut State University shall elect a student for a two-year term ending October 31, 1999.
 - b. In the Spring semester of 1998 for terms beginning November 1, 1998:

Central Connecticut State University shall elect a student for a two-year term ending October 31, 2000;

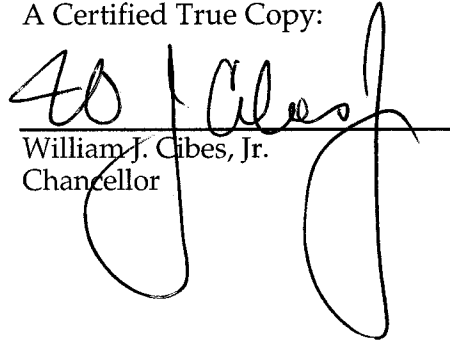
Eastern Connecticut State University shall elect a student for a two-year term ending October 31, 2000.
 - c. Thereafter elections shall be held biennially in the Spring semester at Central Connecticut State University and Eastern Connecticut State University in even-numbered years, and biennially in the Spring semester at Southern Connecticut State University and Western Connecticut State University in odd-numbered years.
- (5) The university president shall furnish the Chancellor of the Connecticut State University System with the name of the student elected to Board membership immediately following each election.
- (6) After election in the Spring semester, a student trustee-elect shall be encouraged to attend Board and committee meetings in a non-voting capacity until officially taking office.
- (7) A student member of the Board shall take office at the first regularly scheduled Board meeting after November 1 following his/her election, shall have full voting rights as any other trustee, and shall serve for a term of two-year or as indicated in section 4a. above.

- (8) In the event a student trustee resigns from the Board or relinquishes membership for any reason, a new student trustee shall be elected to fill the unexpired term; such an election shall be conducted on the university from which the former student trustee was elected and shall conform to these rules and procedures except that the election shall occur as soon as reasonably possible after the vacancy arises, and be it further

RESOLVED, That Board Resolution 92-79 is rescinded, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the term of the current student trustee from Western Connecticut State University shall end October 31, 1997.

A Certified True Copy:



William J. Cibes, Jr.
Chancellor

ITEM

Election of Students to the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System

BACKGROUND

Section 10a-88 of the Connecticut General Statutes has been amended to provide that the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System shall include four students, one from each university, and the requirement to conduct elections in accordance with a mandated schedule.

The Board of Trustees will continue to have the authority to determine the manner in which students are elected and set the criteria for eligibility.

ANALYSIS

To comply with the amended statutory requirements, it is necessary to revise the rules, eligibility criteria and procedures for the election of students and to establish an election schedule.

The recommended revisions define the schedule for elections to be conducted at each university in the fall of 1997, spring of 1998 and biennially thereafter, and eliminates the eligibility standard which limits the maximum number of credit hours a student candidate may have taken to 90 hours at the time of his or her election.

The Council of Student Affairs, the Student Life Committee and the available members of the Student Advisory Board have reviewed and affirmed the proposed revisions to the election procedures and rules for the election of student trustees.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION

Approve the recommended changes and revisions for the election of student trustees to the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

AMENDMENT

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LCO No. 9550

General Assembly

January Session, A.D., 1997

Offered by SEN. GAFFEY, 13th DIST.

SEN. FREEDMAN, 26th DIST.

REP. STAPLES, 96th DIST.

To Subst. Senate Bill No. 1121 File No. 634 Cal No. 400

Entitled: "AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE EDUCATION STATUTES."

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In line 896 bracket "this act" and after the closing bracket 36
insert "PUBLIC ACT 95-259" and strike "OCTOBER 1," and insert in 37
lieu thereof "JULY 1, 1998" 38

In line 897, strike "1997" 39

After line 1446 insert the following and renumber the 40
remaining sections accordingly: 41

"Sec. 25. Section 10a-88 of the general statutes is repealed 42
and the following is substituted in lieu thereof: 43

There shall continue to be a Board of Trustees for the 44
Connecticut State University System to consist of [sixteen] 45
EIGHTEEN members, fourteen to be appointed by the Governor, who 46
shall reflect the state's geographic, racial and ethnic 47
diversity; two of whom shall be state college or Connecticut 48
State University system alumni; and [two to be elected by the 49
students enrolled at the institutions under the jurisdiction of 50
said board] FOUR STUDENTS, ONE FROM EACH STATE UNIVERSITY ELECTED 51
BY THE STUDENTS ENROLLED AT SUCH STATE UNIVERSITY. On or before 52
July 1, 1983, the Governor shall appoint members to the board as 53
follows: Five members, one of whom shall be a state college or 54
Connecticut State University system alumnus, for a term of two 55
years from said date; five members, one of whom shall be a state 56
college or Connecticut State University system alumnus, for a 57
term of four years from said date, and four members for a term of 58
six years from said date. Thereafter the Governor shall appoint 59
members of said board to succeed those appointees whose terms 60
expire, such members to serve for terms of six years each from 61
July first in the year of their appointment, provided two of the 62
members appointed for terms commencing July 1, 1995, and their 63
successors shall be state college or Connecticut State University 64
system alumni, one of the members appointed for a term commencing 65
July 1, 1997, and his successors shall be such alumni and two of 66
the members appointed for terms commencing July 1, 1999, and 67
their successors shall be such alumni. On and after July 1, 1999, 68
the board shall at all times include at least one member from 69
each county in which a state university is located. (1) On or 70

before November 1, 1975, the students enrolled at the 71
institutions under the jurisdiction of [said] THE board shall, in 72
such manner as [said] THE board [shall determine] DETERMINES, 73
elect two members of [said] THE board, each of whom shall be 74
enrolled as a full-time student at an institution under the 75
jurisdiction of [said] THE board at the time of his election. One 76
such member shall be elected for a term of one year from November 77
1, 1975, and one for a term of two years from said date. On or 78
before [November first, annually thereafter] NOVEMBER 1, 1976, 79
UNTIL JULY 1, 1997, such students shall, in such manner as the 80
board [shall determine] DETERMINES, elect one member of [said] 81
THE board, who shall be so enrolled at any such institution at 82
the time of his election and who shall serve for a term of two 83
years from November first in the year of his election, EXCEPT 84
THAT THE TERM OF THE MEMBER DUE TO EXPIRE ON OCTOBER 31, 1998, 85
SHALL EXPIRE ON OCTOBER 31, 1997. (2) ON AND AFTER JULY 1, 1997, 86
THE STUDENT MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SHALL BE ELECTED AS FOLLOWS: (A) 87
(i) ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 1997, THE STUDENTS ENROLLED AT 88
CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY SHALL, IN SUCH MANNER AS THE 89
BOARD DETERMINES, ELECT ONE MEMBER OF THE BOARD WHO SHALL BE A 90
FULL-TIME STUDENT AT SUCH STATE UNIVERSITY AT THE TIME OF HIS 91
ELECTION AND WHO SHALL SERVE FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR FROM SAID 92
NOVEMBER FIRST AND (ii) ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 1998, AND 93
BIENNIALY THEREAFTER, THE STUDENTS ENROLLED AT CENTRAL 94
CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY SHALL, IN SUCH MANNER AS THE BOARD 95
DETERMINES, ELECT ONE MEMBER OF THE BOARD WHO SHALL BE A 96
FULL-TIME STUDENT AT SUCH STATE UNIVERSITY AT THE TIME OF HIS 97
ELECTION AND WHO SHALL SERVE FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS FROM 98
NOVEMBER FIRST IN THE YEAR OF HIS ELECTION; (B) (i) ON OR BEFORE 99
NOVEMBER 1, 1997, THE STUDENTS ENROLLED AT EASTERN CONNECTICUT 100
STATE UNIVERSITY SHALL, IN SUCH MANNER AS THE BOARD DETERMINES, 101
ELECT ONE MEMBER OF THE BOARD WHO SHALL BE A FULL-TIME STUDENT AT 102
SUCH STATE UNIVERSITY AT THE TIME OF HIS ELECTION AND WHO SHALL 103
SERVE FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR FROM SAID NOVEMBER FIRST AND (ii) ON 104
OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 1998, AND BIENNIALY THEREAFTER, THE 105

STUDENTS ENROLLED AT EASTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY SHALL, 106
IN SUCH MANNER AS THE BOARD DETERMINES, ELECT ONE MEMBER OF THE 107
BOARD WHO SHALL BE A FULL-TIME STUDENT AT THE TIME OF HIS 108
ELECTION AND WHO SHALL SERVE FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS FROM THE 109
NOVEMBER FIRST IN THE YEAR OF HIS ELECTION; (C) ON OR BEFORE 110
NOVEMBER 1, 1997, AND BIENNIALLY THEREAFTER, THE STUDENTS 111
ENROLLED AT SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY SHALL, IN SUCH 112
MANNER AS THE BOARD DETERMINES, ELECT ONE MEMBER OF THE BOARD WHO 113
SHALL BE A FULL-TIME STUDENT AT SUCH UNIVERSITY AT THE TIME OF 114
HIS ELECTION AND WHO SHALL SERVE FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS FROM THE 115
NOVEMBER FIRST IN THE YEAR OF HIS ELECTION; AND (D) ON OR BEFORE 116
NOVEMBER 1, 1997, AND BIENNIALLY THEREAFTER, THE STUDENTS AT 117
WESTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY SHALL, IN SUCH MANNER AS THE 118
BOARD DETERMINES, ELECT ONE MEMBER OF THE BOARD WHO SHALL BE A 119
FULL-TIME STUDENT AT SUCH STATE UNIVERSITY AT THE TIME OF HIS 120
ELECTION AND WHO SHALL SERVE FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS FROM THE 121
NOVEMBER FIRST IN THE YEAR OF HIS ELECTION. The Governor shall, 122
pursuant to section 4-9a, appoint the chairperson of the board. 123
The board shall, biennially, elect from its members such other 124
officers as it deems necessary. The Governor shall fill any 125
vacancy in the appointed membership of the board by appointment 126
for the balance of the unexpired term. Any vacancies in the 127
elected membership of said board shall be filled by special 128
election for the balance of the unexpired term. The members of 129
said board shall receive no compensation for their services as 130
such but shall be reimbursed for their necessary expenses in the 131
course of their duties." 132