



RESOLUTION

CONCERNING

APPROVAL FOR RENOVATIONS TO ATHLETIC FIELDS
AT CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY PHASE I & II;
AND
THE USE OF DESIGNATED FUND BALANCES TO FUND THE PROJECTS

October 9, 1997

WHEREAS, In March 1995, CCSU entered into a Title IX Compliance Agreement with the Federal Office of Civil Rights (OCR) to reach substantial male to female proportionality in its intercollegiate athletic programs by the year 2000, and

WHEREAS, Construction of a new women's softball field and renovation of certain other athletic fields at CCSU will facilitate the agreement with OCR, and

WHEREAS, CCSU proposes a two phase new construction and renovation program for certain athletic fields at the university, and

WHEREAS, Funding of \$2.7 million for these projects is available from reserves set aside for this purpose last fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, \$500,000 of the required funding was approved by the Board as part of the FY1997-98 spending plan process, and

WHEREAS, CCSU has designated an additional \$2.2 million in unrestricted fund balances to supplement \$500,000 already approved for this purpose, and

WHEREAS, The designation of unrestricted fund balances for specific projects at a university is authorized by Board policy, and

WHEREAS, Expenditure of these funds requires Board approval, and

WHEREAS, CCSU's remaining undesignated fund balance meets fully the requirements of the Board's fund balance guidelines, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That CCSU is authorized to proceed with its proposed two phase construction program which includes construction of a new women's softball field and related site work; and upgrades to the football stadium, soccer field, men's baseball field, and related support buildings, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the use of funds designated by the university for this program is authorized.

A Certified True Copy:

William J. Cibes, Jr.
Chancellor

ITEM

Approval for new construction and renovations to athletic fields at Central Connecticut State University (CCSU) Phase I & II; and for the use of funds set aside for these projects.

BACKGROUND

In March 1995, CCSU entered into a Title IX Compliance Agreement with the Federal Office of Civil Rights (OCR) to reach substantial male to female proportionality in CCSU intercollegiate athletic programs by the year 2000. Construction of a new women's softball field and renovation of certain other athletic fields at CCSU will facilitate the agreement with OCR. Funding of \$2.7 million for these projects is available from reserves set aside for this purpose last fiscal year. \$500,000 of the required funding was approved by the Board as part of the FY1997-98 spending plan process.

ANALYSIS

CCSU proposes a two phase construction and renovation program for certain athletic fields at the university. The construction program for Phase I includes construction of a new women's softball field and related site work. Phase II projects include upgrades to the football stadium, soccer field, men's baseball field, and related support buildings. Additional detail is shown in the attachment to this report. Time is of the essence for completion of the construction program to meet Title IX requirements as well as other academic, athletic, and intramural program requirements.

With respect to funding for this construction program, CCSU has designated an additional \$2.2 million in unrestricted fund balances to supplement \$500,000 already approved for this purpose. The designation of unrestricted fund balances for specific projects at a university is authorized by Board policy. Expenditure of these funds requires Board approval. Of particular note is that CCSU's undesignated fund balance meets fully the requirements of the Board's fund balance guidelines.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION

Approval of the two phase construction program and the use of funds designated by the university for this purpose.

STAFF REPORT FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Site Improvements and Construction of Women's Softball Field

This project includes designing a replica of the men's baseball field on land immediately south of the baseball field with a turf system; turf drainage system; field level dugouts (bus shelter style); fully enclosed fencing; water fountain installation and wiring of electronic scoreboard (donation from Coca Cola Bottling Co., Inc.); distance markers on outfield fences; bleachers (seating for 500 optional, depending on funding); press box with appropriate public address system; road access and new parking lot, to be shared by both the women's and men's (baseball) teams.

Site work includes clearing and grubbing; installation of erosion control systems catch basin/manhole assemblies; storm drainage system; water and sewer systems; electrical and scoreboard conduit, chain link fencing gates and landscaping as may be required to construct an access roadway; networking of site utilities and completion of all site work.

No need exists for soil testing, boring work, or use of engineering services. All architectural work will be performed by university architects.

Improvements to Playing Fields and Construction of Support Buildings

Improvements to the existing football field includes a turf system; turf drainage system; replacing the football field bleachers, fencing/gates and goal posts. Improvements to the soccer field, used by both Men and Women's Soccer Teams, includes enclosing the field with a six foot high perimeter fence; installation of bleachers inside the fence with seating for 500 people or two (2) bleachers with capacity of 250 seats each; creation of entry gates for ticket sales and crowd control.

We do not anticipate the need for soil testing or boring work. Architectural services will be completed by university architects. If there is a need for structural engineering services, they will be requested under a separate contract through the Department of Public Works.

Improvements to the existing baseball field will include the installation of portable bleachers within the fence line for 730 people.

Support buildings include press boxes, toilet facilities and storage areas necessary to store athletic equipment purchased for playing fields.