



RESOLUTION

concerning

NAMING NEW RESIDENCE HALL
AT
WESTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

A. SEARLE PINNEY HALL

October 9, 1997

WHEREAS, Throughout his distinguished career, A. Searle Pinney has been active in civic and public service, from Town Counsel for the Town of Brookfield, to elected office as a member of the House of Representatives in the Connecticut General Assembly including minority leader in the House, to state chair of his political party, and has served on numerous public and private Boards in the City of Danbury, and

WHEREAS, A. Searle Pinney has made a significant contribution to the Connecticut State University System during his eighteen years of service as member of the Board of Trustees including four years as Chairman, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pinney has been a strong advocate for Western Connecticut State University and has taken both a personal and public interest in its growth and development, and

WHEREAS, The president of Western Connecticut State University and the members of the Board of Trustees wish to honor Mr. Pinney for his many years of commitment to the City of Danbury, the State of Connecticut, and Western Connecticut State University, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System hereby designates that the new residence hall building now under construction at Western Connecticut State University be known now and hereafter as A. Searle Pinney Hall.

A Certified True Copy:

Lawrence D. McHugh
Chairman

William J. Cibes, Jr.
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WESTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

Dr. William J. Cibes, Jr.
Chancellor
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Dear Bill:

I am writing this letter to recommend to the Board of Trustees that the residence hall currently under construction on our Westside campus be named for Mr. A. Searle Pinney. The Board's policy states that buildings, if named after people, should be named in memory of people who have made significant contributions to the University, or to honor people either upon retirement or after retirement from active state, civic or public service.

Mr. Pinney has made a significant contribution to the Connecticut State University System and has also been remarkably active in civic and public service. He is a life long resident of western Connecticut. Throughout his distinguished career, he has served as Town Counsel for the Town of Brookfield from 1951 to 1975. He was a member of the House of Representatives in the Connecticut General Assembly from 1955 to 1961, and served as minority leader in the House from 1959 to 1961. For more than 30 years, he was a member of the Board of Trustees of Wooster School here in Danbury. He is Chairman of the Board of the Savings Bank of Danbury. He served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University System from 1979 to 1997 and was its chair for 4 years. Mr. Pinney has been very active not only in educational circles, but also in his chosen profession of law, serving as president of the Danbury Bar Association in 1969. For many years, Mr. Pinney has been a strong advocate for Western Connecticut State University and has taken both a personal and public interest in its growth and development. He has been an integral part of its success.

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I can think of no more appropriate way to honor his many civic and educational contributions to the City of Danbury, the State and Western Connecticut State University than to name the residence hall for him. Therefore, I ask that the Board take this action.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James R. Roach". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

James R. Roach

ITEM

Naming New Residence Hall at Western Connecticut State University

BACKGROUND

In accordance with Board policy, buildings named after people should be named in memory of those who have made significant contributions to the University, or to honor people either upon retirement or after retirement from active state, civic or public service.

ANALYSIS

A new residence hall is being constructed on the Westside campus of Western Connecticut State University. The president of Western is recommending that the new facility be named to honor Mr. A. Searle Pinney, Chairman Emeritus and former member of the Board of Trustees, for his many years of civic and public service. His recommendation cites the numerous activities Mr. Pinney has been involved with including serving as a member of the House of Representatives, and his strong personal and public advocacy of Western Connecticut State University.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION

Approve naming the residence hall currently under construction "A. Searle Pinney Hall."