

#### Connecticut State University System



Developing a State of Minds

# RESOLUTION

# concerning

# FEE FOR ACCESSING ONLINECSU COURSES BEYOND THE NORMAL END OF THE SEMESTER

# October 7, 1999

WHEREAS,	The Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System under its
	statutory authority - CGS 10a-99 - reviews and establishes fees for such purposes
	as the Board of Trustees deems necessary, and

WHEREAS,	Online CSU has completed one full year of operation, and is beginning its second
	year of course offerings, and

WHEREAS,	In the course of the pilot year, it was found that if an OnlineCSU student was
	unable to complete a course within the normal semester timeframe, they received
	a grade of "incomplete", and

WHEREAS,	In order to complete the course and receive a final grade, it is necessary for the
	student to access the course beyond the normal end of the semester, and

WHEREAS,	Online CSU students are currently charged an Online Fee of \$25 when they
	register for a course, which is meant to partially defray the cost of online access
	during the semester, and

WHEREAS, There is additional cost to CSU to provide online access to an *OnlineCSU* student beyond the end of the semester, therefore be it

RESOLVED That an additional \$25 fee shall be charged to any *OnlineCSU* student receiving a grade of "Incomplete", who desires to gain access to a course after the normal close of the semester in order to complete the course.

A Certified True Copy:

William J. Clibes, Jr.

Chancellor

#### **ITEM**

Fee for Accessing OnlineCSU Courses Beyond the Normal End of the Semester

#### BACKGROUND

The Board of Trustees under its statutory authority - CGS 10a-99 - reviews and establishes fees annually for such purposes as the Board of Trustees deems necessary. In December of 1998, the Board of Trustees established tuition and fees to be effective at each university and *OnlineCSU* as appropriate for FY1999-00. Subsequently, in June of 1999, the Board of Trustees passed a resolution which froze tuition and extension fee charges at FY1997-98 levels.

#### **ANALYSIS**

At the time the FY1999-00 tuition and fee schedules were approved and established, *OnlineCSU* had not yet completed one full year of operation. In the course of the pilot year, it was found that if an *OnlineCSU* student had been unable to complete a course within the normal semester timeframe, they would receive a grade of "incomplete". In order to complete the course and receive a final grade, it would be necessary for the student to access the course beyond the normal end of the semester.

OnlineCSU students are currently charged an Online Fee of \$25 when they register for a course, which is meant to partially cover the cost of online access during the semester. There is additional cost to CSU to provide online access to an OnlineCSU student beyond the end of the semester. Charging an additional \$25 fee to any OnlineCSU student receiving a grade of "Incomplete" who desires to gain access to a course after the normal close of the semester in order to complete the course would partially defray this cost to the CSU System.

### CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION

Approval of the proposed \$25 fee to be charged to any *OnlineCSU* student receiving a grade of "Incomplete" who desires to gain access to a course after the normal close of the semester in order to complete the course.