



Connecticut State University System

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RESOLUTION

naming

THE NEW CLASSROOM AND OFFICE BUILDING  
AT  
CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY  
IN HONOR OF ROBERT C. VANCE

November 2, 2000

WHEREAS, Robert C. Vance was a widely respected journalist who served as editor and publisher of *The Herald* in New Britain from 1951 to 1959, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Vance served with distinction in World War I and later became one of the founders of the American Legion, and was instrumental in the creation of the Veteran's Hospital in Newington, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Vance was a close confidant of President Herbert D. Welte and a staunch supporter of the Teachers College of Connecticut through his devoted service on its Citizens' Committee, and


WHEREAS, The Robert C. Vance Charitable Foundation has generously supported the prestigious Robert C. Vance Lecture Series which has brought speakers of national and international renown to Central Connecticut State University including Presidents George Bush, Jimmy Carter and Gerald Ford, Benjamin Bradlee, William Buckley, President F.W. deKlerk, Ambassador Jeanne Kirkpatrick, Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, Senator George McGovern, Senator George Mitchell, Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, Commissioner Francis T. Vincent, President Lech Walesa, and Lord Harold Wilson, and

WHEREAS, President Richard L. Judd has endorsed the unanimous nomination of Mr. Vance as recommended by the University's Facilities Planning Committee, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System hereby designates the New Classroom and Office building at Central Connecticut State University to be known now and hereafter as the Robert C. Vance Academic Center.

A Certified True Copy:

  
Lawrence D. McHugh, Chairman

  
William J. Cibes, Jr., Chancellor

**ITEM**

Naming the new classroom and office building at Central Connecticut State University in honor of Robert C. Vance

**BACKGROUND**

The general policy of the Board is that buildings or other physical facilities may be named in memory of those who have made significant contributions to society or the university, or to honor people upon retirement or after retirement from active state, civic or public service.

**ANALYSIS**

The President of Central Connecticut State University has submitted his recommendation for the naming of the new classroom and building, currently under construction, in honor of Robert C. Vance. Mr. Vance was a widely respected journalist who served as editor and publisher of *The Herald* in New Britain from 1951 to 1959. He also served with distinction in World War I, later became one of the founders of the American Legion, and was instrumental in the creation of the Veteran's Hospital in Newington. Mr. Vance also is important to CCSU history. He was a close confidant of former CCSU President Herbert D. Welte and a staunch supporter of the Teachers College of Connecticut through his devoted service on its Citizens' Committee. Additionally, The Robert C. Vance Charitable Foundation has generously supported the prestigious Robert C. Vance Lecture Series which has brought speakers of national and international renown to Central Connecticut State University.

**CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the recommendation to name the new classroom and office building at Central Connecticut State University, the Robert C. Vance Academic Center.

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Amber**Memorandum*

Date: October 16, 2000

To: Dr. Cibes  
Hard copy to followTo: Dr. William J. Cibes, Jr.  
Chancellor, CSU System OfficeFrom: Richard L. Judd  
President

Subject: Naming of New Classroom Building in Honor of Robert C. Vance

In accordance with the University's procedure for naming buildings, I am pleased to enclose a draft resolution for the Board of Trustees to approve naming the new classroom building in honor of Robert C. Vance. The recommendation has the unanimous support of the University's Facilities Planning Committee.

As a person who was deeply involved with Teachers College of Connecticut as well as with the New Britain community, Mr. Vance is worthy of such recognition. In addition, since 1983 the charitable foundation established by Mr. Vance's estate has generously supported a distinguished lecture series on campus. This lecture series has brought speakers of national and international renown to our campus and widespread public recognition to the University.

Recently, the Vance Foundation has made a major multi-year commitment for an endowment that I will announce, together with Mr. Herbert C. Carlson, at the November Trustees' meeting.

In light of Mr. Vance's standing in the community during his lifetime, his service to TCC the predecessor college to Central Connecticut State University, and the past and current generous financial support of the Robert C. Vance Charitable foundation, I am pleased to recommend naming the new classroom and office building the **Robert C. Vance Academic Center**.

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