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RESOLUTION

concerning

CONTINUATION OF THE  
GEORGE MUIRHEAD CENTER FOR  
INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

AT

CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

November 2, 2000

WHEREAS, The George Muirhead Center for International Education, originally established as the International Affairs Center by Trustees Resolution 90-20, continued by Board Resolution 95-72 with a sunset date of December 31, 2000 and renamed by BR 99-30 to honor Dr. Muirhead, and

WHEREAS, The President of Central Connecticut State University has evaluated the work of the Center for International Education and has recommended its continuation, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System authorizes the continuation of the George Muirhead Center for International Education at Central Connecticut State University and requires that the President of Central submit a report to the Chancellor of the Connecticut State University System evaluating the performance of the Center and recommending continuance or discontinuance by September 1, 2005, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the George Muirhead Center for International Education at Central Connecticut State University shall go out of existence on December 31, 2005, unless the Board of Trustees acts to the contrary.

A Certified True Copy:

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William J. Cibes, Jr.  
Chancellor

**ITEM**

Continuation of the George Muirhead Center for International Education at Central Connecticut State University.

**BACKGROUND**

The George Muirhead Center for International Education (CIE) was originally established as the International Affairs Center at Central Connecticut State University in 1990 to enhance the international dimension of education. The Center was continued in 1995 and renamed to honor George Muirhead for fifty years of service to Central upon his retirement as Vice President for Academic Affairs in 1999.

The Center is authorized to receive payment for its services which are outside of the regular educational programs of full-time students and may seek and receive grants and other funding provided that such income is deposited in University accounts and used exclusively for IAC purposes and appropriate University administrative support functions.

**ANALYSIS**

The CIE was reorganized and physically restructured since 1998 to solidify its position as the focal point for all international activity at CCSU. One of the distinguishing characteristics of the CIE strategy is the provision of opportunities to study abroad which range in length from one week to a full year in another country. Whenever possible, the cost to eligible students is minimized through scholarships funded by private gifts or by revenue generated through the offerings of professional seminars to international clients.

The CIE brings internationally renowned scholars and scientists to Central, supports the efforts and activities of the International Area Studies Committees, creates opportunities for faculty and staff development, and promotes community outreach. It also houses the Intensive English Language Program [originally created by the Board in 1990 and to be continued as part of this Center] that provides instruction in American English and an introduction to American culture and society for international students and non-native speakers of English residing in communities surrounding CCSU.

Between July 1995 and June 2000, over 8,000 students, 5,700 faculty and 14,000 others have been involved in CIE programs. Future plans include increasing the number of American students participating in international education, support the development of an Africana Center, increase the size of the IELP, and streamline the admission and enrollment processes for international students

**CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION**

Accept the report of the President of CCSU for continuation of the Center and require an evaluation of the continuing operation of the Center for International Education, including a financial report, by September 1, 2005. A sunset date of December 31, 2005 will be in force if the Center is not recommended for continuance.



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August 30, 2000

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Dear Dr. Cibes:

I am delighted to recommend continuance of the George R. Muirhead Center for International Education (CIE) at Central Connecticut State University. I have reviewed the accompanying "Report to the Board of Trustees" and the annual report of the Center.

A physical restructuring which further solidifies its position as the focal point of all international activity on Central Connecticut State University's campus has recently enhanced the CIE's organizational restructuring in 1998.

The CIE is an all-university unit that coordinates the following activities:

- \* The CIE builds bridges to the world community by bringing internationally recognized scholars, scientists, and world leaders to CCSU. The CIE organizes conferences and colloquia, sponsors cultural events, and issues scholarly publications with interdisciplinary focus on global themes, enhancing the intellectual atmosphere at CCSU.
- \* The CIE facilitates the internationalization of the campus community by exposing its members to diverse cultures through various study abroad programs. Simultaneously, CIE hosts a growing international student population that enriches the intellectual and cultural life of CCSU.
- \* The CIE supports the efforts and activities of the International Area Studies Committees related to international curriculum, cultural & scholarly activities, student recruitment, promotion, and committee work.
- \* The CIE creates a spectrum of opportunities for faculty and staff to develop and broaden their intellectual and professional horizons with regard to global issues that have crucial impact on the present and future state of our world.
- \* The CIE promotes a vital community outreach program by disseminating global ideas, knowledge, and awareness and facilitating economic opportunities that benefits the local and global communities.

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