



Connecticut State University System

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RESOLUTION

establishing

CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AND LEARNING
at
WESTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

February 2, 2001

WHEREAS, Western Connecticut State University seeks to promote excellence in teaching and learning at the university and in the greater Danbury educational community, and

WHEREAS, The President of Western Connecticut State University has expressed the desire to establish a Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) at the University, and

WHEREAS, Western Connecticut State University will use the CETL to promote excellence in teaching and learning and serve as a resource for teaching and assessment for the university and the greater Danbury educational community, and

WHEREAS, The objectives of the CETL are compatible with the mission of Western Connecticut State University and the Connecticut State University System and with the current strategic plan of WCSU, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System authorizes the establishment of a Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning as an organized unit at Western Connecticut State University with a director appointed by the President and an advisory board with membership as stipulated in the proposal and approved by the President, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the President of Western Connecticut State University shall cause the CETL to be evaluated in terms of specific objectives by qualified persons and shall report the results of this evaluation to the Chancellor of the CSU System on September 1, 2006 who in turn shall share the evaluation with the Board of Trustees, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning shall go out of existence on December 31, 2006, unless action to the contrary is taken by the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System.

A Certified True Copy:

William J. Gibes, Jr., Chancellor

ITEM

Establishment of a Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning at WCSU

BACKGROUND

In accordance with Board policy and precedent, the request by a university for the establishment of centers, institutes or special programs must be accompanied by programmatic and budgetary justifications with provision for a sunset date five years from the start date unless the president of the university recommends its continuation.

ANALYSIS

The President of Western Connecticut State University has expressed the desire to establish a Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) as an organized unit at the University with a director appointed by the President and an advisory board with membership approved by the President. The Center will be supported by university funds, but external funding for specific projects may be sought.

The University will use the CETL to promote excellence in teaching and learning, to disseminate information about assessment of student learning and classroom teaching effectiveness, to support innovations in curriculum design and pedagogical styles, and to serve as a resource for teaching and assessment for the university and the greater Danbury educational community. The objectives of the CETL are compatible with the mission of Western Connecticut State University and the Connecticut State University System and with the current strategic plan of WCSU. As described above, the CETL meets the criteria necessary to establish it as a special entity in accordance with Board policy.

The director of the Center will evaluate and report annually to the President of the university on the Center's programs, services and activities, and its fiscal well being. This report will also be shared with the Chancellor of the Connecticut State University System.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION

Approve the establishment of the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning at WCSU with a sunset date of December 31, 2006, if the Center is not recommended for continuation.