



Connecticut State University System

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RESOLUTION

establishing

THE BUSINESS RESOURCE CENTER at SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

May 4, 2001

- WHEREAS, The School of Business at Southern Connecticut recognizes the urgency in keeping abreast of state of the art professional competencies and staying actively engaged in the business community, and
- WHEREAS, The Business Resource Center will provide a systematic mechanism to build linkages with the business community and help faculty remain actively engaged in research while bringing the classroom to the community, and
- WHEREAS, The Business Resource Center will provide professional programs in direct support of faculty research and engage students and faculty in projects that benefit the community, and
- WHEREAS, The Business Resource Center will provide business students at Southern Connecticut State University real world experience from which they would become more informed and better prepared for employment in contemporary business organizations, and
- WHEREAS, The Business Resource Center will facilitate research activity for students and faculty and provide expertise to Connecticut organizations and individuals, and
- WHEREAS, The objectives and strategies of the Center support the major goals for Southern Connecticut State University, and
- WHEREAS, The Center will have sufficient staffing and budgetary support to carry out its objectives and strategies, therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System hereby authorizes the establishment of the Business Resource Center at Southern Connecticut State University, and be it further

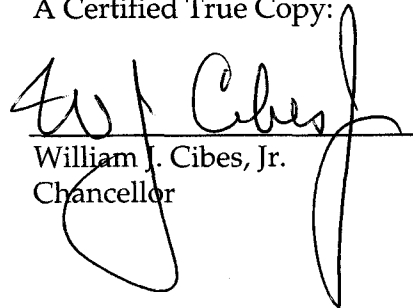
RESOLVED, That the Business Resource Center may seek and receive contracts and grants from public and private organizations and may charge fees for services related to the purposes stated above provided that all applicable state and University regulations are observed, and be it further

RESOLVED, That all funds received by the Business Resource Center shall be deposited in the Operating Fund at Southern Connecticut State University in accounts established for this Center. Such funds shall be used for the purposes of this Center and appropriate University support functions rendered to the Center, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the President of Southern Connecticut State University is directed to periodically evaluate the functioning of the Business Resource Center in terms of its effectiveness, and shall no later than September 1, 2006 report the results of the evaluation with a recommendation to the Chancellor of the CSU System who in turn shall share this information with the Board of Trustees, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Business Resource Center 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. Cibes, Jr.
Chancellor

ITEM

Establishment of the Business Resource Center at Southern Connecticut State University

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 of five years unless the president of the university recommends its continuation. This proposal meets these conditions.

ANALYSIS

The President of Southern Connecticut State University has expressed the desire to establish a Business Resource Center as an organized unit at SCSU with a director appointed by the President and an advisory board with membership approved by the President. The University will use the Center to provide a systematic mechanism for building linkages with the business community and helping faculty to stay actively engaged in research and bringing the classroom to the community. The Center will provide professional programs in direct support of faculty research and engage students and faculty in projects that benefit the community. The primary objectives of the BRC are improving the quality of business education for SCSU students by engaging them in "real world" experience, facilitating research activity for faculty and students and providing expertise to Connecticut organizations and individuals.

Among the activities to achieve these objectives are encouragement of faculty and student scholarship at the local and regional level, providing Connecticut organizations with consultative services and broadening SCSU's relationship with business organizations.

The objectives of the Center are compatible with the mission and goals of Southern Connecticut State University and the Connecticut State University System and with the current strategic plan of SCSU. The plan provides for appropriate staff, physical space and fiscal support. Additional funding from outside sources will be used to expand the scope of the Center's services beyond its basic objectives.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION

Approve the establishment of the Business Resource Center with a sunset date of December 31, 2006, if the Center is not recommended for continuation.