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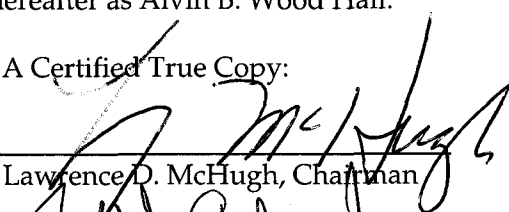
THE SUPPORT SERVICES CENTER
at
EASTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

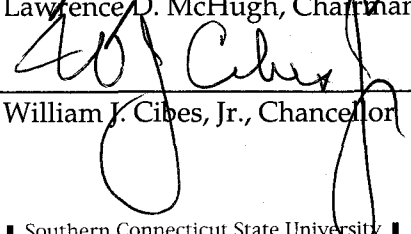
IN HONOR OF ALVIN B. WOOD

May 4, 2001

- WHEREAS, Alvin B. Wood has maintained an exemplary life as a career educator, active citizen, and trustee demonstrating an inspiring commitment to the ideals of accessible, quality public education for all persons without regard to race, creed, or social background, and
- WHEREAS, Mr. Wood was one of the first African Americans hired as a teacher in the Hartford School System and the first Black principal in that system, retiring in 1970, and
- WHEREAS, Mr. Wood was a member of the Bloomfield Town Council from 1961 to 1967, State Scholarship Commission, Bloomfield Human Rights Commission, and Chairman of the Bloomfield Union Baptist Church Board of Trustees, and
- WHEREAS, He was appointed by Governor John Dempsey as one of the initial members of the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State Colleges in 1965 and served as a member for more than twenty-nine years until his resignation on October 28, 1994, and
- WHEREAS, Mr. Wood contributed to the transition of the State Colleges to State Universities through service on the Board of Trustees' Personnel, Budget, Student Life, and Executive committees and by serving for twenty years as Vice Chairman of the Board, and
- WHEREAS, President David G. Carter has endorsed the nomination of Mr. Wood as recommended by the Eastern Building and Facilities Naming Committee therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for The Connecticut State University System hereby designates the current Support Services Center at Eastern Connecticut State University to be known now and hereafter as Alvin B. Wood Hall.

A Certified True Copy:


Lawrence D. McHugh, Chairman


William J. Cibes, Jr., Chancellor

ITEM

Naming the Support Services Center at Eastern Connecticut State University

BACKGROUND

The current policy on the naming of facilities was adopted in 1968 and has not been revised since that time. In September 2000, the ad hoc Committee on Naming Opportunities was formed to develop more substantive guidelines for naming to take advantage of potential opportunities to encourage gifts to the universities. In November 2000, this Committee imposed a moratorium on any new requests pending the completion of these guidelines, but indicated they would consider exceptions to the moratorium in the interim on an individual basis. In April they reviewed an exception request from the President of Eastern Connecticut State University to name the Support Services Center and lifted the moratorium to allow this request to go forward to the Development Committee for consideration.

ANALYSIS

Eastern Connecticut State University has requested that the Support Services Center be named in honor of Alvin B. Wood. Mr. Wood was appointed in 1965 by Governor John Dempsey as one of the original members of the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System (at that time they were the Connecticut State Colleges). He served in this capacity for more than twenty-nine years, reappointed by four additional Governors, until his resignation in 1994. During his tenure, Mr. Wood was instrumental in the formation of many of the policies and procedures that continue to guide the CSU System today.

Throughout his life Mr. Wood has demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to education both as a teacher and principal in the Hartford Public Schools as well as to the Connecticut State University System, believing in the ideals of accessible, quality public higher education for all persons.

The President of Eastern Connecticut State University has endorsed the nomination of Mr. Wood as recommended by the Eastern Building and Facilities Naming Committee.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION

Approve the request to name the Support Services Center at Eastern Connecticut State University in honor of Alvin B. Wood.