



Connecticut State University System

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RESOLUTION

establishing a

BIOTECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE

at

CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

May 8, 2003

WHEREAS, Central Connecticut State University recognizes that the state of Connecticut has made a concerted effort to attract biotechnology companies and has created the Office of BioScience in this regard, and

WHEREAS, The proposed biotechnology institute outside the traditional confines of university science departments will foster the pursuit of research in the broad span of biotechnology disciplines, and

WHEREAS, A biotechnology institute could serve as an important link between the academic realm and the biotechnology industry, increase the awareness of the academic programs available at Central Connecticut State University and foster a flow of information between those industries and the Molecular Life Sciences at CCSU, and

WHEREAS, The goals and objectives of the Institute supports statewide activities in the biosciences and Central Connecticut State University could benefit from this relationship in terms of financial resources, opportunities for research internships and cooperative education experiences for its students, and expert advice in curriculum development, and

WHEREAS, The Institute will have sufficient staffing, physical space and budgetary support to carry out its objectives, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System hereby authorizes the establishment of a Biotechnology Institute at Central Connecticut State University, and be it further

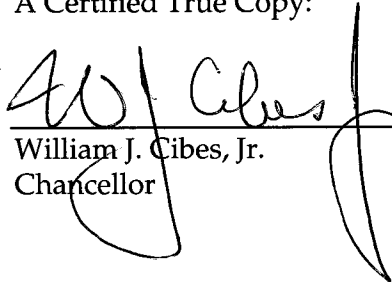
RESOLVED, That the Institute may seek and receive contracts and grants from public and private organizations and may charge fees for services related to the purposes stated above provided that all applicable state and university regulations are observed, and be it further

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

RESOLVED, That the President of Central Connecticut State University is directed to periodically evaluate the functioning of the Biotechnology Institute in terms of its effectiveness and fiscal solvency, and shall no later than September 1, 2008 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 Biotechnology Institute at Central Connecticut State University shall go out of existence on December 31, 2008, 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 a Biotechnology Institute at Central Connecticut State University

BACKGROUND

With the biotechnology industry burgeoning in Connecticut over the past 10 years, there is an increasing need for the state's public colleges and universities to prepare their graduates to enter the biotechnology field as researchers and scientists. Central Connecticut State University wants to initiate direct contact with these companies to make them aware of the research strengths of its graduates and the funded research of its faculty.

ANALYSIS

The state goals of the Biotechnology Institute are to enhance (1) the readiness of CCSU graduates for postgraduate study in the biosciences or careers in biotechnology, (2) biotechnology companies' awareness of and access to locally educated human resources and (3) the currency and relevance of molecular life sciences programs at CCSU. Objectives include biotechnology forums each semester, an Institute Scholars Program to support undergraduate student research and a series of four lectures by outside speakers each year. These goals and objectives support Central's commitment to promote intellectual growth and professional competence of its students.

In accordance with Board policy the proposal provides for programmatic justification as well as appropriate staff, physical space and fiscal support by the university to supplement external grants and contracts after the conclusion of the grant period. With a Strategic Planning Projects Grant to cover start-up costs, the Institute is projecting self-sufficiency within three years. A three-year budget and expense analysis has been provided; programmatic details are provided for five years. With the support of the Biological Sciences and Chemistry departments, adequate space will be allocated in Copernicus Hall. Six faculty from these two departments will staff the Institute, one of whom will be the director. None will be requesting reassigned time for these appointments. An external advisory board, with members approved by the university president, will provide guidance and oversight to Institute activities. This board will have CCSU alumni in the biotechnology field among its members; at a later date executives from biotechnology companies will be added. This Institute could become a vital resource and increase regional visibility for the Institute and the university.

The proposal also provides for assessment and evaluation of the institute on a regular basis, with the provision of a sunset date in five years, unless the president of the university recommends its continuation.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION

Approve the establishment of a Biotechnology Institute at Central Connecticut State University with a sunset date of December 31, 2008, if the Institute is not recommended for continuation.