



Connecticut State University System

Developing a State of Minds

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RESOLUTION

concerning

CONTINUATION OF THE CENTER FOR COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

AT

SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

November 4, 2004

WHEREAS, The Center for Communication Disorders was established at Southern Connecticut State University by Board Resolution 84-7, and

WHEREAS, The President of Southern Connecticut State University has evaluated the work of the Center 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 Center for Communication Disorders at Southern Connecticut State University and requires that the President of Southern 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, 2009, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Center for Communication Disorders at Southern Connecticut State University has a sunset date of December 31, 2009, unless the Board of Trustees acts to the contrary.

A Certified True Copy:

William J. Cibes, Jr.
Chancellor

ITEM

Continuing the Center for Communication Disorders at Southern Connecticut State University

BACKGROUND

The Center for Communication Disorders was established in 1984 at Southern Connecticut State University. Its mission is to provide a variety of family inclusive speech, language, hearing and advocacy services for children and adults with communications disorders in the culturally and economically diverse communities of the Greater New Haven Area. The center also helps prepare graduate students in the Communications Disorders program for professional careers and support the mission of the School of Health and Human Services to educate its students through state-of-the-art teaching strategies, scholarship and research.

ANALYSIS

The Center is the campus-based clinical training component for the Department of Communications Disorders at SCSU and serves as the mandatory clinical training venue for graduate students in audiology and speech pathology, and as a provider of comprehensive audiology and speech pathology services to the university and the Greater New Haven community. It is accredited by the Council of Professional Services Accreditation of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

The Center is directed by a state-licensed speech/audiologist pathologist who supervises graduate student clinicians. In addition, three full-time faculty serve as clinical supervisors as part of their full-time teaching load; fourteen part-time faculty serve as clinical supervisors for limited credit. The Center supports itself by charging fees for clinical services based on a sliding scale; no one is refused service due to inability to pay. The Center served over 9,000 clients during 2003-04.

New goals for the next five years include: increasing permanent staff by one full-time position and reducing the number of part-time faculty used. This will improve consistency of delivery and student training. To continue the current scope of services and hire a part-time bookkeeper, a modest increase in service fees is anticipated. Finally, the Center hopes to relocate to a more appropriate location to improve service delivery. The Center will ask for university support for the new full-time position. The other goals can be supported by Center revenue from clinical fees.

President Norton has recommended the reauthorization of the Center.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION

Approve the reauthorization of the Center for Communication Disorders at Southern Connecticut State University with a sunset date of December 31, 2009, if the Center is not recommended for continuation.