

Connecticut State University System

*Developing a State of Minds*

BR#05-1



RESOLUTION

reauthorizing

CSU TRUSTEES' SCHOLARSHIPS

in the

CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

January 28, 2005

WHEREAS, In June 1997 the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System authorized each university to award Connecticut State University Trustees' Scholarships for the specific purpose of recruiting and retaining full-time entering freshmen and full-time entering transfer students of exceptional talent who might not otherwise consider attending a CSU university (BR-97-49), and

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees amended BR 97-49 in December 1998 to enable the universities to enhance their ability to attract "bright, high achievers" (BR 98-68), and

WHEREAS, Under BR 01-58 the CSU Trustees Scholarship was evaluated by the Board of Trustees during Academic Year 2004-05 in terms of its effectiveness and use, and

WHEREAS, Each university has reported the positive impact of this program and has requested that additional funding be provided for the specific purpose of continuing and enhancing these awards, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the CSU Trustees' Scholarship program is hereby reauthorized through the 2007-08 academic year, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the CSU Trustees Scholarships shall be awarded under the following conditions:

- (a) Such awards shall be in addition to other grants-in-aid provided to students on the basis of financial need and/or enrollment in the universities honors program.
- (b) Under the direction of the university president, the admissions office at the university in coordination with its financial aid office shall administer the awarding of these scholarships under a process which by the amount

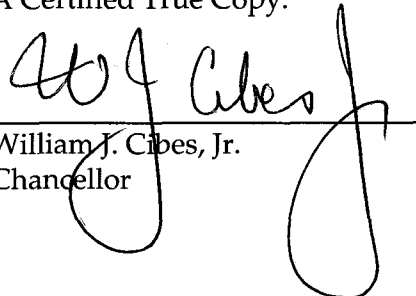
of the award and the timing of the award maximizes the recruitment or retention potential of the scholarship.

- (c) If the recipient's full financial need is not met by the merit scholarship, the scholarship shall be attributed to the "self-help" portion of unmet need as calculated by the financial aid office.
- (d) The cumulative funding allocated to this program at each university for each class of entering students shall not exceed an amount equivalent to 1.0% of tuition revenue based on the amount generated by the university's full-time undergraduate enrollment of the previous fall semester.
- (e) Such scholarships may be in any amount not to exceed the amount of tuition charged to in-state students per year.
- (f) Under the direction of the president, the university shall establish and publish the criteria on the basis for which such scholarships will be awarded. Such criteria may include, but shall not be limited to, need, rank-in-class, scores on standardized tests, measures of leadership, evidence of achievement, or grade point average for first time freshmen or transfer applicants.
- (g) Under the direction of the president, the university shall identify criteria for continuing eligibility for the scholarships, provided that no student shall receive such scholarships for more than eight semesters. Such criteria shall include the completion of a minimum of 24 credit hours annually with a cumulative grade point average of at least a 3.0.
- (h) Each university president shall annually evaluate the success of this program in achieving measurable outcomes with respect to the recruitment and retention of talented students, and report such outcomes to the Board of Trustees, and be it further

RESOLVED, That BR 01-58 is hereby repealed, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the CSU Trustees Scholarship program shall be evaluated for continuation by the Board of Trustees in January 2008 in terms of its use and effectiveness.

A Certified True Copy:

  
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William J. Cibes, Jr.  
Chancellor

**ITEM**

Reauthorization of the CSU Trustees' Scholarship.

**BACKGROUND**

The Board of Trustees has authorized the CSU universities to award merit-based scholarships--Presidential Merit Scholarships--for the purpose of recruiting and retaining academically outstanding students. These scholarships are supported by operating fund sources, including tuition and fees at each university.

At the same time, the Board has requested that the academic profile of the student body be raised. Under these circumstances, the university presidents have requested an expansion of the merit scholarship program as an additional recruitment and retention tool for academically outstanding students who might not otherwise attend our universities.

The policy authorized in BR 97-49 and amended in BR 98-68 provided a more flexible program of merit-based scholarships--the Trustees Scholarship Program--separate and apart from the Presidential Merit Scholarship--to be funded from non-state, non-tuition and non-student fee revenues. The expectation was that each university would establish an endowment for the specific purpose of supporting these awards.

The Trustees' Scholarship Program ended on June 30, 2001 because no action was taken to extend the program under its current guidelines; BR 01-58 in October 2001 reinstated a new Trustees' Scholarship program to be evaluated during the 2004-05 academic year.

**ANALYSIS**

Over the past three years, the CSU universities provided scholarships in accordance with the guidelines of the resolution and each year the presidents reported on the positive impact of this program. Each university has provided evidence for the program's success, based on the funding provided.

Based on reports submitted by the universities, this program has been sufficiently funded to achieve its goals. The authorization for funding this program at each university for each class of entering students will be maintained at 1.0% of tuition revenue based on the amount generated by the university's full-time undergraduate enrollment of the previous fall semester.

**CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the reauthorization of the Trustees' Scholarship Program through the 2007-08 academic year, with annual reports submitted by the university presidents to the Board of Trustees each October and an evaluation of the program for its use, effectiveness and continuation by the Board of Trustees in January 2008.