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RESOLUTION

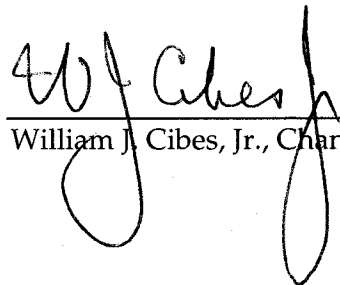
concerning

THE USE OF DESIGNATED FUND BALANCES TO FINANCE  
SUPPORT FACILITIES AT BALF-SAVIN BASEBALL FIELD  
AT  
CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

January 28, 2005

- WHEREAS, The Balf-Savin Baseball Field was constructed in 1999, and
- WHEREAS, Spectator seating and support facilities were not included in the project, and
- WHEREAS, The closest support facilities such as restrooms or concessions are located in Kaiser Hall about 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of a mile from the playfields site, and
- WHEREAS, Men's and women's restrooms, bleacher seating and a new press box/coach's viewing area will be developed as part of the project, therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That CCSU is authorized to utilize \$500,000 from their Plant Fund to finance the design and construction of support and seating facilities at Balf-Savin Baseball Field.

A Certified True Copy:

  
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 William J. Cibes, Jr., Chancellor

**ITEM**

The use of designated fund balances to finance support facilities at Balf-Savin Baseball Field at Central Connecticut State University (CCSU).

**BACKGROUND**

In 1999, CCSU completed construction on new baseball and softball fields located at the northeasterly part of the main campus, adjacent to Route 9. At that time, the university only had funding available to construct playfields, with no support facility or seating provided.

**ANALYSIS**

The baseball, softball and soccer fields are located over 1,600 feet (1/3<sup>rd</sup> of a mile) from the nearest restroom and support facility, Kaiser Hall. Development of the new fields did not include bleacher seating or restroom facilities. Visitors, players, and officials have no access to conveniently located restroom or support facilities.

The proposed project includes a 640 square foot two-story facility to be constructed behind the new Baseball Field. It will be comprised of Men's and Women's restrooms, a concession stand, and elevated coach's viewing area. In addition, a new modular bleacher system for up to 300 seats including press box will be constructed to serve the baseball field. Nearby underground water and sewer utilities will be extended to serve the building and the university intends to install data and telecommunications services to meet the needs of the facility for monitoring games and providing logistical support to the teams and NEC officials.

It is proposed that the cost of the project be paid from university plant funds. Design costs are estimated at \$42,000 and construction funds in the amount of \$458,000 will be required for a total project cost of \$500,000.

The designation of unrestricted fund balances for specific projects at a university is authorized by Board policy. Expenditure of these funds requires Board approval. Of particular note is that CCSU's undesignated fund balance meets the requirements of the Board's fund balance guidelines.

**CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION**

To approve the utilization of up to \$500,000 in plant funds to finance support and seating facilities at Balf-Savin Baseball Field at Central Connecticut State University.