



RESOLUTION

concerning

USE OF UNIVERSITY FACILITIES BY
NON-UNIVERSITY ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS

October 5, 2006

WHEREAS, CGS 10a-89(a) permits the chief executive officer of each university to, "...make buildings and other facilities under its control available to nonprofit and other organizations or to individuals for temporary uses not inconsistent with the educational purpose of the institution", subject to policy established by the Connecticut State University (CSU) Board of Trustees, and

WHEREAS, In January of 1983 the CSU Board of Trustees passed Board Resolution #83-9, which restricted the use of facilities for these purposes to organizations only, and required that the event for which the facilities were being used be co-sponsored by a university organization with a logical relationship to the contemplated program, and

WHEREAS, Placing restrictions on facility use by non-university parties beyond those required under State statute may result in a loss of opportunity for the universities, the potential users of university facilities, and the potential beneficiaries or attendees of the event to be held, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That Board Resolution #83-9 is rescinded, and be it further

RESOLVED, That Presidents of the Connecticut State University System may permit non-university organizations and individuals to make temporary use of campus buildings and facilities for purposes not inconsistent with the educational purposes of the universities provided (1) that the organization or individual proposes a use of university facilities which is educational or public-service in character or which is of particular service to the university, and (2) that the organization or individual shall be responsible for all costs incurred in connection with the event except for those costs which the President or their designee determines to be legitimate college expenses.

A Certified True Copy:

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ITEM

Use of University Facilities by Non-University Organizations and Individuals

BACKGROUND

Public Act 81-275 authorized the Connecticut State University (CSU) Board of Trustees to, "...make buildings and other facilities under its control available to nonprofit and other organizations or to individuals for temporary uses not inconsistent with the educational purpose of the institution"; Public Act 94-245 changed the holder of this authority to the President of each institution, subject to policy established by the CSU Board of Trustees. These public acts were subsequently codified as CGS 10a-89(a). In January of 1983 the Board of Trustees passed Board Resolution #83-9, which restricted the use of facilities for these purposes to organizations only, and required that the event for which the facilities were being used be co-sponsored by a university organization with a logical relationship to the contemplated program.

ANALYSIS

Placing restrictions on facility use by non-university parties beyond those required under State statute may result in a loss of opportunity for the universities, the potential users of university facilities, and the potential beneficiaries or attendees of the event to be held. Therefore, this action proposes to remove any restrictions to use of university facilities by non-university organizations and individuals beyond those existing in State statute; that is, to permit the use of university facilities by both organizations and individuals, provided that the proposed use of facilities is educational or public-service in character, or is of particular service to the university; and to remove the requirement that all events of this nature be co-sponsored by a university organization.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION

Rescission of BR#83-9 and permission for the Presidents of the universities of the Connecticut State University System to make buildings and other facilities under their control available to both organizations and individuals provided the proposed use of facilities is consistent with the university's purpose and mission, and without requiring that the event be co-sponsored by a university organization.