



Connecticut State University System

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RESOLUTION

concerning

CONTINUATION OF THE CENTER FOR COMPUTING AND SOCIETY

AT

SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

November 2, 2006

WHEREAS, The Center for Computing and Society was established at Southern Connecticut State University by Board Resolution 89-7 and reauthorized by Board Resolution 92-12 and 01-74, and

WHEREAS, The President of Southern Connecticut State University has evaluated the work of the Center for Computing and Society 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 Computing and Society 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, 2011, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Center for Computing and Society at Southern Connecticut State University shall go out of existence on December 31, 2011, unless the Board of Trustees acts to the contrary.

A Certified True Copy:

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Chancellor

ITEM

Continuation of the Center for Computing and Society at Southern Connecticut State University

BACKGROUND

The Center for Computing and Society at Southern was established in 1988, designated as a Center by the Board of Trustees in 1989 and continued in 1992 and 2001 as an organized service unit to support teaching and scholarly research with regard to the impact on computing on society and human values.

ANALYSIS

The staff of the Center engages in teaching, research and service activities in computer ethics to sustain its multi-faceted mission and works with national and international scholars on cutting-edge research issues regarding ethics and our value systems. Center scholars have presented their findings at numerous professional conferences, while SCSU has co-sponsored nine ETHICOMP international conferences since 1995. Faculty teach courses in Computer Ethics at SCSU and serve as resources for journalists and community organizations. The Center continues to collaborate with other SCSU units on computer ethics projects. Its nationally recognized web site receives over two million 'hits' annually from over 120 countries.

The Center's five-year plan includes sustaining its world-class web site, providing courses in computer ethics, sponsorship of international conferences and hosting visiting scholars, cooperate with faculty colleagues in Connecticut and around the world, and providing workshops and seminars for the CSU community. Plan are being developed for a conference on "Ethics, Robots and Other Artificial Agents."

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION

Accept the report of the President of SCSU to continue the Center for Computing and Society and require an evaluation of the continuing operation of the Center, including a financial report, by September 1, 2011. A sunset date of December 31, 2011 will be in force if the Center is not recommended for continuance.