

# Connecticut State University System

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## RESOLUTION

concerning

### GENERAL FUND DISTRIBUTION METHODOLOGY

May 15, 2008

- WHEREAS, Pursuant to the provisions of Section 10a-89(a) of the Connecticut general statutes, the board of trustees shall "...Subject to state-wide policy and guidelines established by the Board of Governors of Higher Education,...(1) Make rules for the government of the Connecticut State University system and shall determine the general policies of the university system, including those concerning the admission of students and the expenditure of the funds of institutions under its jurisdiction within the amounts available;..." Further, under the provisions of Section 10a-99(b), "...the board of trustees shall establish an equitable policy for allocation of appropriations from general revenues of the state, fringe benefits transferred from the State Comptroller and tuition revenue deposited in the Connecticut State University System Operating fund...", and
- WHEREAS, In FY1994-95, the Board of Trustees, pursuant to its statutory authority, reviewed the then-existing distribution methodology for tuition and general fund dollars, and adopted new formulas for distribution, and
- WHEREAS, A completely new model which addressed several issues raised by the universities concerning equity and stability, as well as greatly simplified the distribution formula was adopted by the Board of Trustees effective July 1, 2000, and
- WHEREAS, This model was revised in 2005 to bring more equity to certain aspects of the model, and
- WHEREAS, Further adjustments are required to enhance the equitable distribution of the finite General Fund pool among the four universities, therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That tuition and the General Fund appropriation be distributed on the basis of the principles described below:

■ General Fund

- Each institution will be provided with a base cost block grant for FY2009 of \$5,580,656 (including fringe), to be increased to \$6,000,000 (including fringe) in FY2010, to cover certain fixed costs of operations (institutional support and facilities support).
- Each institution will be provided with a variable cost block grant proportionally based on the sum of the prior year's ending full-time-equivalent of full-time students enrolled, with out-of-state students weighted on a 1 to 2.4 basis. These enrollment numbers will be based on the average of fall and spring third-week enrollment figures.
- A portion of the state appropriation will be retained for System Office, and Systemwide Operations. These amounts will be established annually as a part of the Spending Plan process. Expenses for System Office and Systemwide Operations will be assessed proportionally across the four universities based on the sum of the prior year's ending full-time-equivalent of full-time students enrolled, with out-of-state students weighted on a 1 to 2.4 basis. These enrollment numbers will be based on the average of fall and spring third-week enrollment figures. The System Office will internally exchange General Fund dollars for operating fund dollars in order to ensure that all General Fund current services dollars are spent on Personal Services. Given the impact that the shift in funding among the universities may have due to the implementation of this revised method of allocating System Office and Systemwide expenses, this method will be implemented over a two-year period beginning July 1, 2008.
- Any "new facilities" funds provided in the state appropriated block grant that are not specifically designated (e.g. for a particular university, building or project) will be allocated in perpetuity to the universities with new facilities coming on line that year, on a proportional basis.
- Tuition and Extension Fee Freeze amounts received as state appropriation will not be included in the General Fund block grant distributed to the universities. Instead, these funds will be distributed as follows:
  - Tuition Fee Freeze dollars will be distributed proportionally based on the prior year ending tuition net of waivers.
  - Extension Fee Freeze dollars will be distributed proportionally based on the prior years ending part-time credit hours per university.

■ Tuition

- Each institution will retain all tuition funds collected from its students.
- Each institution will be assessed a portion of its tuition receipts to support priorities of the Board of Trustees. The Trustees' priority portion will be a fixed amount of \$600,000 per year, assessed proportionally based on prior year ending tuition net of waivers. The Board of Trustees may assess the universities additional amounts for other Board priorities as they see fit.
- Each institution must comply with policies and statutory requirements of CSU grants.

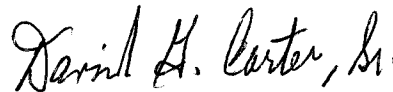
and be it further

RESOLVED, That the revised distribution methodology be implemented effective July 1, 2008, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the distribution methodology will be reviewed annually effective July 1, 2010, and be it further

RESOLVED, That BR#05-48 be rescinded effective July 1, 2008.

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Chancellor