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RESOLUTION

concerning

AUTHORIZATION FOR WESTERN CONNECTICUT STATE COLLEGE

to

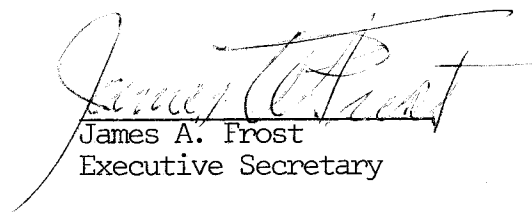
OFFER SEPARATE MAJORS IN CERTAIN FIELDS

September 26, 1975

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State Colleges acting under statutory authority contained in Chapter 164, Section 10-109b and 10-326 of the General Statutes, hereby approves for Western Connecticut State College separate Majors leading to the B.A. Degree (previously authorized in 1958) in Anthropology/Sociology, Economics and Political Science; and be it further

RESOLVED, That, in conformance with Section 10-324-2 of the Connecticut State Regulations, the Trustees request the Executive Secretary to inform the Commission for Higher Education of the Board's intent to approve a realignment of courses at Western Connecticut State College to provide Majors in Anthropology/Sociology, Economics and Political Science.

A Certified True Copy:



James A. Frost
Executive Secretary



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WESTERN CONNECTICUT STATE COLLEGE

181 WHITE STREET • DANBURY CONNECTICUT 06810



TEL. 792-1400

Office of the President

August 15, 1975

To: The Planning Committee of the Board of Trustees

From: Ruth A. Haas, President

Concerning: Authorization to offer separate majors leading to the B.A. degree in Anthropology/Sociology, Economics, Political Science

At the time Western was authorized to award the B.A. degree (1958) that authorization included the social sciences and permitted us to introduce separate majors in Economics, Political Science, Geography, Anthropology, and Sociology. In 1958 we opted to institute only a broad-field program with concentration in each of the specific fields until we had developed sufficient library and faculty strength to justify announcing a full major in any or all of the above disciplines.

We wish now to institute a change of emphasis which will make it possible for students to select a major from among the fields rather than be forced to utilize the broad-field approach with only a concentration (minor equivalent) in their preferred field. Our faculty has developed an Anthropology/Sociology major and is in process of formulating a major program in Economics and in Political Science.

Our ability to offer the major as opposed to a concentration in Anthropology/Sociology is demonstrated by the following:

1. We currently offer 15 anthropology courses and 10 sociology courses with library resources sufficient for their support.
2. Two new courses which will be added in the next two academic years do not require additional library support.
3. We have on our present full-time faculty three anthropology and three sociology specialists. Of these, two have the doctorate and four are in the dissertation stage.

Our ability in economics is demonstrated by comparable strength as follows:

1. Fifteen courses currently offered with proper library support.
2. Three economists of whom two have the doctorate, with the third in the dissertation stage.

Our ability in Political Science is demonstrated as follows:

1. Ten courses currently offered with proper library support.
2. Three full time faculty with the doctorate.

Many students are now completing the requirements of a legitimate major in one of the above fields but their transcripts and our catalog do not yet show this. With Board of Trustees approval, these students could receive recognition for the work they have done which would, in turn, ease the way for them in graduate school admissions. We believe, too, that the separate majors will be more attractive for recruitment purposes.

Should you need more information for discussion of this request, Dr. Braun, our Academic Dean, can provide it for you.

It is my understanding that this request need go only to the Board of Trustees and, if approved, be reported by them to the Commission for informational purposes as opposed to requiring a full-scale CHE Committee on Coordination of Planning study and action.

I will appreciate affirmative action by the Planning Committee and by the Board of Trustees on this requested change of emphasis in our social science offerings.

RAH:ER

cc: Dr. G. Braun

September 30, 1975

Dr. Louis Rabineau
Chancellor
Commission for Higher Education
340 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, Connecticut 06115

Dear Lou:

The resignation referred to relates to majors in the liberal arts. The effective date is delayed sixty days as required by Section 10-324-2 of the Connecticut State Regulations.

Kordially,

James A. Frost
Executive Secretary

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cc: Dr. R.M. Bares
Dr. C. M. Ritchie



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Office of the President

Dr. Retcher
For recommendation
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August 15, 1975

Dr. James A. Frost
Executive Secretary
Board of Trustees
Post Office Box 2008
New Britain, Connecticut 06050

Dear Dr. Frost:

I am enclosing a proposal which we hope will be considered by the Planning Committee on August 28.

The proposal changes the emphasis in our Social Science offerings and thereby offers greater opportunities for our students.

We hope this will eventually be approved by the entire Board.

Sincerely,

Ruth A. Haas
President

RAH:ER
Enclosure

Action:

8/28/75 - Placed on Agenda of Planning Committee for the 30 day review given all program proposals - Planning Committee will consider it after President Bersi has reviewed the details.