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Chairman of the Board

RESOLUTION

concerning

RAISED HOUSE BILL 5755
AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE EDUCATION STATUTES

March 14, 1994

- WHEREAS, House Bill 5755 proposes fundamental changes in the governance and administration of the Connecticut State University system by (1) depriving the Board of Trustees of the authority to organize its own committee structure, (2) depriving the Board of Trustees of the authority to determine the length of service of Board members on its committees, (3) dictating to the Board the particular administrative structure by which principal administrators of the system report to the Board, (4) mandating the Board to carry out certain collective decisions of the principal administrators, (5) depriving the Board of the authority to determine the size of its own staff, and making certain other changes, and
- WHEREAS, No reason has been provided for the changes proposed in House Bill 5755 and no report has been produced by the Legislative Task Force to Evaluate the Governance of the Connecticut State University system which would lead to the proposals in Bill 5755, and
- WHEREAS, Studies by the Department of Higher Education prepared for the Legislative Task Force to Evaluate the Governance of the Connecticut State University system indicate that costs of the CSU System Office are reasonable in relation to a broad comparison group and are less on a per FTE student basis than the system office of the Connecticut Community and Technical Colleges and that CSU campus plus System Office administrative costs, when totalled together, are significantly less on a per FTE student basis than administrative costs at the University of Connecticut, and
- WHEREAS, By Resolution #94-1 of February 4, 1994, the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University system made a firm commitment to a thorough study of administrative costs in the System Office and on the campuses of the CSU system, therefore, be it



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RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University system views proposed House Bill 5755 as retaining the Board's responsibility for the effective functioning of the Connecticut State University system while depriving it of the authority to oversee University system operations and forcing upon the Board a structure which would maximize disunity and disharmony, and be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University system expresses its opposition to those portions of House Bill 5755 which deal with the organizational structure of the Board of Trustees and the Connecticut State University system and directs that this opposition be forcefully communicated to the legislature.

A Certified True Copy:


A. Searle Pinney

Chairman